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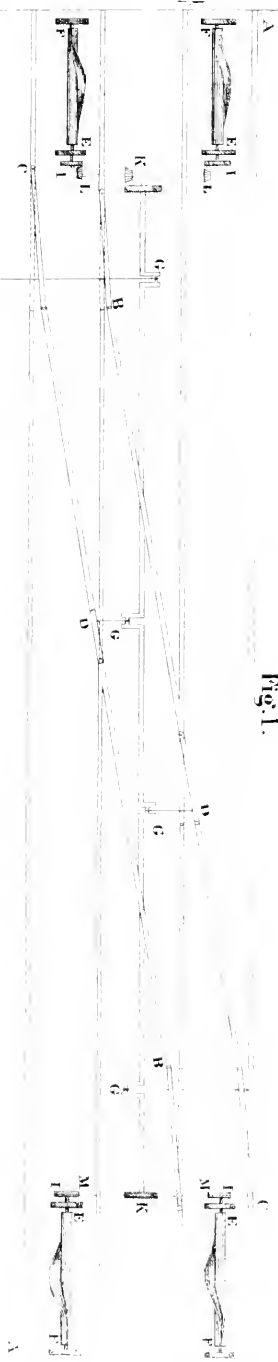


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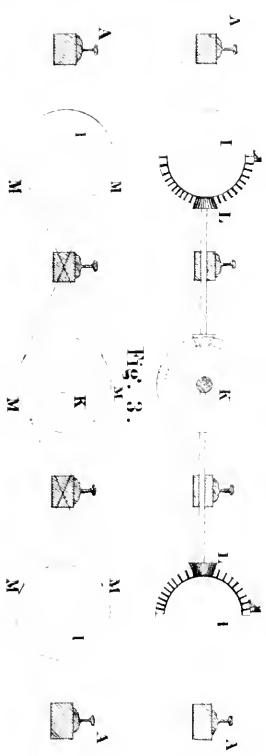


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COMMON COUNCIL.

MONDAY, May 7th, 1855.

The members elect of Common Council met this day, in pursuance of the fifth section of the Act of Consolidation, at the Council chamber, in Independence Hall, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the clerk of the former Council (J. M. Riley) act as clerk of this Council for the present.

Which was agreed to.

The same gentleman also

Moved that the course pursued by the House of Representatives for their organization be adopted as the same for the organization of this body.

Which was agreed to.

The credentials of members were then called for, when the following were presented to wit:

1st Ward, Richard M. Berry,
John A. Houseman,
Charles S. Dunk.

- 2d Ward, George M. Sandgran,
James Davenport,
James M. Gibson,
John Fuller, Jr.
- 3d Ward, Andrew Miller,
John Welsh,
Francis Borie.
- 4th Ward, M. J. Dougherty,
Alexander Martin,
Andrew J. Baker.
- 5th Ward, Stillwell S. Bishop,
William M. Baird,
William S. Winship.
- 6th Ward, Joseph L. Chester,
O. H. P. Parker,
Lewis R. Broomall.
- 7th Ward, James C. Hand,
Alexander Henry,
George W. Biddle,
William Duane.
- 8th Ward, Charles B. Penrose,
Frederick W. Grayson.
- 9th Ward, William C. Patterson,
Thomas W. Vaux,
Abraham Baker.
- 10th Ward, Thomas Marsh,
Thomas Davis,
M. H. Treadwell,
James A. Freeman.
- 11th Ward, Samuel Barton,
John F. Mascher,
Samuel Stevenson.
- 12th Ward, William P. Hacker,
Thomas W. Steeling,
Lewis Bremer.
- 13th Ward, Robert S. Reed,
Henry T. King,
William H. Moore.

- 14th Ward, William Conrad,
Thomas Craven,
Jacob E. Ridgway.
- 15th Ward, Robert Newell,
G. F. Gordon,
Hiram Miller.
- 16th Ward, Joseph Taylor,
C. B. Roberts,
J. Washington Miller,
William M. Parham.
- 17th Ward, C. B. F. O'Neill,
James Gay,
Dominick Murphy.
- 18th Ward, A. F. Hoppel,
H. Bumm,
A. W. Green.
- 19th Ward, Chas. S. Peall,
Daniel M'Cleary,
James M'Adams.
- 20th Ward, Joseph Manuel, Jr.,
George A. Binder,
Aaron P. Bilyeu.
- 21st Ward, John F. Preston,
John Dyer,
William Levering.
- 22d Ward, Spencer Roberts,
Thomas J. Roberts,
Charles R. Bockius.
- 23d Ward, David S. Hassinger,
John M'Mullen,
Nicholas Brouse,
Samuel C. Willetts.
- 24th Ward, D. C. Enos,
John F. Knorr,
John Hancock.

FIRST WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To CHARLES S. DUNK.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, for the First Ward.

Chas. M. D. Smith,
Jacob Layer,
Stephen C. Chatham,
S. G. Hamilton,
Preston Brearley,
Joseph Bruce,
Peter Vautier,
Edward Ellis,
Charles Mink,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To RICHARD M. BERRY, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council, for the First Ward.

Chas. M. D. Smith,
Jacob Layer,
Stephen C. Chatham,
S. G. Hamilton,
Preston Brearley,
Edward Ellis,
R. W. McCallister, Sr.
Joseph Bruce,
A. W. Corgie,
Frederick Volkmer,
Chas. A. Mosler,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To Mr. JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, for the First Ward.

Chas. M. D. Smith,
Jacob Layer,
Stephen C. Chatham,
S. G. Hamilton,
Preston Brearley,
Edward Ellis,
Joseph W. Bruce,
Judges.

SECOND WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To JOHN FULLER, JR., Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a Common Councilman, of the Second Ward.

Wm. J. Gregory,
Washington B. Quigley,
Robert Lee,
Wm. R. Black,
John McCloskey,
Jos. C. Tittermary,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To JAMES M. GIBSON, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st instant,

you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Second Ward.

Wm. J. Gregory,
Washington B. Quigley,
Robert Lee,
Wm. R. Black,
John McCloskey,
Jos. C. Tittermary,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To GEO. M. SANDGRAN, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Second Ward.

Wm. J. Gregory,
Washington B. Quigley,
Robert Lee,
Wm. R. Black,
John McCloskey,
Joseph C. Tittermary,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To JAS. DAVENPORT, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Second Ward.

Wm. J. Gregory,
Washington B. Quigley,
Robert Lee,
Wm. R. Black,
John McCloskey,
Jos. C. Tittermary,
Judges.

THIRD WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To JOHN WELSH.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, of the Third Ward.

A. S. Redstreake,
James Smith,
C. Wright,
Terence Monaghan,
Archibald McLean,
Wm. Armstrong,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To F. J. BORIE.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Third Ward.

A. S. Redstreake,
James Smith,
C. Wright,
Terence Monaghan,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To ANDREW MILLER.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the Third Ward.

James Smith,
C. Wright,
Terence Monaghan,
Archibald McLean,
Wm. Armstrong,
A. S. Redstreake,
Judges.

FOURTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

ANDREW J. BAKER, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Fourth Ward.

Joseph H. Sharp,
James McQuaid,
Ezekiel Pew,
Henry T. Coleman,
Andrew McGrath,
James McCullen,
M. J. V. D. Huey,
M. Livezy,

*Judges.**Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.*

M. J. DOUGHERTY, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the Fourth Ward.

Joseph H. Sharp,
Ezekiel Pew,
James McQuaid,
Henry T. Coleman,
Moses J. V. D. Huey,
James McCullen,
Andrew McGrath,
M. Livezy,

*Judges.**Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.*

ALEX. MARTIN, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Fourth Ward.

Joseph H. Sharp,
Ezekiel Pew,
Henry T. Coleman,
James McCullen,
James McQuaid,
Moses J. V. D. Huey,
Judges.

FIFTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To WM. M. BAIRD, Esq.

Sir:—At an election held on the first instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council for Fifth Ward.

G. W. Gillingham,
Nathan Hall,
John Robb,
Wm. S. McGlue,
Judges.

Robert Perry,
Return Judge.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To WM. S. WINSHIP, Esq.

Sir:—At an election held on the first instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council for Fifth Ward.

Jesse Franklin,
G. W. Gillingham,
Nathan Hall,
John C. Robb,
Wm. S. McGlue,
Judges.

Robert Perry,
Return Judge.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To S. S. BISHOP, Esq.

Sir:—At an election held on the first instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council for Fifth Ward.

G. W. Gillingham,
Nathan Hall,
John C. Robb,
Wm. McGlue.
Judges.

Robert Perry,
Return Judge.

SIXTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

O. H. P. PARKER, Esq.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixth Ward.

Samuel R. Reed,
Charles L. Hughes,
J. Loudenslager,
Michael Carlin,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

LEWIS R. BROOMALL.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixth Ward.

Samuel R. Reed,
Charles L. Hughes,
J. Loudenslager,
Edmund Allen,
Michael Carlin,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

JOS. L. CHESTER, Esq.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixth Ward.

Samuel R. Reed,
Charles L. Hughes,
J. Loudenslager,
Edmund Allen,
Michael Carlin,
Judges.

SEVENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To WM. DUANE, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Seventh Ward.

Wm. H. Morgan, Jr.
Enoch Thorn, Jr.,
John F. Hutchinson,
Andrew McGirr,
Joseph McMorris,
Thomas Wilson,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To GEORGE W. BIDDLE, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Seventh Ward.

Wm. H. Morgan, Jr.
Enoch Thorn, Jr.
John F. Hutchinson,
Andrew McGirr,
Joseph McMorris,
Thomas Wilson,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To ALEXANDER HENRY, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Seventh Ward.

Wm. H. Morgan, Jr.
Enoch Thorn, Jr.
John F. Hutchinson,
Andrew McGirr,
Joseph McMorris,
Thomas Wilson,
Judges.

Certificate of James C. Hand from the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia.

Among other matters of record it is thus contained :

In the matter of the election for Common Council for the City of Philadelphia, in the various Divisions of the Seventh Ward, held May 1st, 1855, the following persons received the number of votes opposite their names, viz :

Alexander Henry	had	1273	votes.
James C. Hand	"	1278	"
William Duane	"	1257	"
Geo. W. Biddle	"	1245	"
Henry B. Tatham	"	860	"
Robert J. Mercer	"	857	"
J. M. Church	"	854	"
Thackara S. Tuft	"	889	"
I. P. Morris	"	2	"
Thos. T. Lea	"	2	"
Paul Pohl	"	1	"

Certified from the Record, May 7, 1855.

JAMES G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

EIGHTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO CHARLES B. PENROSE.

Sir :—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the Eighth Ward, for the ensuing year.

John C. Martin,
Robert Luther,
William Swift,
David Murray,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. FREDERICK W. GRAYSON.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council for the Eighth Ward, for the ensuing year.

John C. Martin,
Robert Luther,
William Swift,
Henry J. McIntire.
Judges.

NINTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. W. C. PATTERSON.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of Ninth Ward.

Joseph Beitler,
S. Archer Batturs,
J. B. Lancaster,
Samuel Field,
Sermon Horne,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. ABRAHAM BAKER.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of Ninth Ward.

Joseph Beitler,
S. Archer Batturs,
J. B. Lancaster,
Sam. Field,
Sermon Horne,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. THOMAS W. VAUX.

Sir:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of Ninth Ward.

J. B. Lancaster,
Joseph Beitler,
Sermon Horne,
Sam. Field,
James T. Desmond,
Judges.

TENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To JAMES A. FREEMAN, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Tenth Ward.

S. Bell, Jr.,
Caleb H. Needles,
S. Williamson,
James Warrin, Jr.,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To M. H. TREADWELL, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Tenth Ward.

S. Bell, Jr.,
Caleb H. Needles,
S. Williamson,
James Warrin, Jr.,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO THOMAS MARSH, Esq.,

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Tenth Ward.

S. Bell, Jr.,
Caleb H. Needles,
S. Williamson,
John J. Davis,
James Warrin, Jr.,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

THOMAS DAVIS, Esq.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Tenth Ward.

S. Bell, Jr.,
Caleb H. Needles,
S. Williamson,
James Warrin, Jr.
Judges.

ELEVENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Sir:—At an Election held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Eleventh Ward.

Samuel L. McKinney,
Judge.
George F. Culin,
William W. Keyser,
Clerks.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO SAMUEL BARTON.

SIR:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Eleventh Ward.

Samuel L. McKinney,
Judge.

George F. Culin,
William W. Keyser,
Clerks.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO JOHN F. MASCHER.

SIR:—At an election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Eleventh Ward.

Samuel L. McKinney,
Judge.

George F. Culin,
William W. Keyser,
Clerks.

TWELFTH WARD.

We, the Judges and Inspectors of an Election, held on Tuesday the 1st day of May, A. D. 1855, in and for the Twelfth Ward, of the City of Philadelphia, at the several Election Districts thereof, for the purpose of electing Common Council, having met this day, according to law, at the house of _____ in said Ward, and carefully compared the returns from the several Election Districts of the said Ward, do hereby certify, that Henry Speisse, received 879 votes; Lewis Bremer, 901; Thomas James, Sr., 864; Wm. P. Hacker, 898; Charles M. Wagner, 892; Thomas W. Steeling, 899; Samuel Lloyd, 1.

And we do further certify, that Lewis Bremer, Wm. P. Hacker, and Thomas W. Steeling, had the highest number of votes polled for Common Council, as aforesaid, and therefore are, and hereby are declared duly elected for the said Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof, we, the Judges, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2d day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five.

F. Pierson,
J. J. Sommer,
Abraham Nippes,
H. J. Rees,
Judges.

THIRTEENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO R. S. REED.

SIR:—At an Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Thirteenth Ward.

John Vickery,
W. J. Wagner,
Robert Buckman,
Jno. Hancock,
E. S. Rowand,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO HENRY T. KING.

SIR:—At an Election held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Thirteenth Ward.

John Vickery,
W. J. Wagner,
Robert Buckman,
Jno. Hancock,
E. S. Rowand,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO WM. H. MOORE.

SIR:—At an Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Thirteenth Ward.

John Vickery,
W. J. Wagner,
Robert Buckman,
Jno. Hancock,
E. S. Rowand,
Judges.

FOURTEENTH WARD.

We, the Judges and Inspectors of an Election, held on Tuesday, the first day of May, A. D. 1855, in and for the Fourteenth Ward, of the City of Philadelphia, at the several Election Districts thereof, for the purpose of electing Common Councilmen, having met this day, according to law, at the house of Isaac Cressman, in said Ward, and carefully compared the returns from the several Election Districts of the said Ward, do hereby certify, that Jacob E. Ridgway, received 1330 votes; Thomas Craven, 1350; Wm. Conrad, 1339; W. B. Thomas, 875; S. R. Evans, 858; E. R. Norney, 852.

And we do further certify, that Jacob E. Ridgway, Thomas Craven and Wm. Conrad, had the highest number of votes polled for Councilmen, as aforesaid, and that therefore they are hereby declared duly elected to the Common Council for the said Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof, we, the Judges, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this second day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. W. Weeks,
M. Mendenhall,
Robert S. Dunlap,
Samuel F. Edenborn,
Judges.

FIFTEENTH WARD.

We, the Judges and Inspectors of an Election, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1855, in and for the Fifteenth Ward, of the City of Philadelphia, at the several Election Districts thereof, for the purpose of electing members of Common Council, having met this day, according to law, at the house of Jacob Beckley, in said Ward, and carefully compared the returns from the several Election Districts of the said Ward, do hereby certify, that Charles Vanhorn received 1084 votes ; Thomas McGrath, 751 ; Joseph Ferrall, 960 ; Leander Cridland, 346 ; Hiram Miller, 1122 ; Robert Newell, 1085 ; George F. Gordon, 1088.

And we do further certify, that Hiram Miller, Robert Newell and George F. Gordon, had the highest number of votes polled for members of Common Council, as aforesaid, and that therefore they are hereby declared duly elected members of Common Council for the said Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof, we, the Judges, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2d day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty.

Jno. K. Satterfield,
Thomas Learney,
David Boyd,
John W. McAnulty,
E. O. Jackson,
Bernard Farrel,
Judges.

SIXTEENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO JOSEPH TAYLOR.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Sixteenth Ward.

E. A. Woods,
Return Judge.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1850.

TO J. WASHINGTON MILLER.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the first inst., you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixteenth Ward.

E. A. Woods,
Return Judge.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixteenth Ward.

E. A. Woods,
Return Judge.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO WILLIAM M. PARHAM.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Sixteenth Ward.

E. A. Woods,
Return Judge.

SEVENTEENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO C. B. F. O'NEILL.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Seventeenth Ward.

Wm. Beaty,
Michael Devlin,
James McDonald,
Dennis Donovan,
Eton C. Guyn,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO JAMES GAY.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Seventeenth Ward.

Michael Devlin,
William Beaty,
E. C. Guyn,
Dennis Donovan,
James McDonald,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO DOMINICK MURPHY.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Seventeenth Ward.

James McDonald,
Michael Devlin,
William Beaty,
Dennis Donovan,
E. C. Guyn,
Judges.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

TO ALPHEUS W. GREEN.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Eighteenth Ward.

Samuel Weyant,
William Leatherbury,
Jacob Marpel,
Samuel B. Duvall,
Judges.

John P. Wightman,
George W. Thatcher,
Albert White,
Benjamin Paxon,
Ahab Hunter,
Inspectors.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To A. F. HOPPEL.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Eighteenth Ward.

Samuel Weyant,
William Leatherbury,
Jacob Marpel,
Samuel B. Duvall,
Judges.

George W. Thatcher,
Albert White,
Benjamin Paxon,
Ahab Hunter,
Inspectors.

Certificate of Henry Bumm from the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia.

Among other matters of Record, it is thus contained :

In the matter of the Elections for members of the Common Councils, for the City of Philadelphia, in the various Divisions of the Eighteenth Ward, held May 1, 1855, the following persons received the votes set opposite to their names, viz :—

Alpheus W. Green,	had	1083	votes.
Henry Bumm,	“	1094	”
A. F. Hoppel,	“	1042	”
Harlan Ingram,	“	650	“
Christian Sheetz,	“	666	“
Wm. H. Rotan,	“	675	“

Certified from the Records, May 7, 1855.

JAMES G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

NINETEENTH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To JAMES MCADAMS.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Nineteenth Ward.

John McLaughlin,
Samuel Montooth,
John Morris,
Jacob Moser,
Samuel Jenkins,
James A. McDonald,
James Meade,
John Pace,
Jos. A. McDaniels,
Henry Mather,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To DANIEL MCCLEARY.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Nineteenth Ward.

Samuel Montooth,
John McLaughlin,
John Morris,
Jacob Moser,
Samuel Jenkins,
James A. McDonald,
James Meade,
Samuel Hoove,
John Pace,
Joseph A. Taylor,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To CHARLES S. PEALL.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst.,

you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Nineteenth Ward.

John McLaughlin,
 Samuel Montooth,
 John Morris,
 Jacob Moser,
 Samuel Jenkins,
 James A. McDonald,
 James Meade,
 Samuel Hoove,
 John Pace,
 Joseph A. Taylor,
 Daniel Miller,
Judges.

TWENTIETH WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

GEORGE A. BINDER.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a Common Councilman of the Twentieth Ward.

A. B. Winder,
 John D. Rosenberger,
 P. W. Birmingham,^a
 William H. Nichols,
 W. H. Matthews,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

JOSEPH MANUEL, Jr.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected Common Councilman of the Twentieth Ward.

A. B. Winder,
 Jno. D. Rosenberger,
 P. W. Birmingham,
 William H. Nichols,
 W. H. Matthews,
Judges.

*Certificate of Aaron P. Bilyeu from the Court of Common
Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia.*

Among other matters of Record, it is thus contained.

In the matter of election for members of the Common Council for the City of Philadelphia, in the various divisions of the Twentieth Ward, held May 1, 1855, the following persons received the votes set opposite their names, viz :

A. P. Bilyeu	had	989	votes.
G. A. Binder	“	985	“
J. Manuel, Jr.	“	989	“
Wm. Cox, Jr.	“	942	“
A. H. Miller	“	944	“
Luther Martin	“	939	“

Certified from the Record, May 7, 1855.

JAMES G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. WILLIAM LEVERING.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Twenty-first Ward.

Thomas Mullen,
Jesse Shoemaker,
B. Bartle,
John Campman,
Abm. L. Rittenhouse,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. JOHN DYER.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Twenty-first Ward.

Thomas Mullen,
Jesse Shoemaker,
B. Bartle,
John Campman,
Abm. L. Rittenhouse,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

Mr. JOHN F. PRESTON.

Sir:—At a Municipal election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council of the Twenty-first Ward.

Thomas Mullen,
Jesse Shoemaker,
B. Bartle,
John Campman,
Abm. L. Rittenhouse,
Judges.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To CHARLES R. BOCKIUS.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, from the Twenty-Second Ward.

Jacob Rorer,	1st Precinct.
Jonathan Engle,	2d “
W. H. Lehman,	3d “
P. H. Coulter,	4th “
Gideon Keyser,	6th “
W. Bitting,	7th “
<i>Judges.</i>	

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO SPENCER ROBERTS.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, from the Twenty-Second Ward.

Jacob Rorer,	1st Precinct.
Jonathan Engle,	2d “
W. H. Lehman,	3d “
P. H. Coulter,	4th “
Gideon Keyser,	6th “
W. Bitting,	7th “

Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

SIR:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, from the Twenty-Second Ward.

Jacob Rorer,	1st Precinct.
Jonathan Engle,	2d “
W. H. Lehman,	3d “
P. H. Goulter,	4th “
Gideon Keyser,	6th “
W. Bitting,	7th “

Judges.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO S. C. WILLETTS.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant,

you were duly elected a member of the Common Council of the Twenty-third Ward.

Amos Thorp,
Jesse Comly,
M. Bomeisler,
James L. Weyant,
B. Clift,
Jef'n H. Cottman,
Owen Haines,
Joseph Kinsley,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To JOHN McMULLEN.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, of the Twenty-third Ward.

M. Bomeisler,
B. Clift,
Joseph Kinsley,
Owen Haines,
Jef'n H. Cottman,
Silas Tomlinson,
Amos Thorp,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1855.

To NICHOLAS BROUSE.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, of the Twenty-third Ward.

James L. Weyant,
George Wells,
B. Clift,
Joseph Kinsley,
Owen Haines,
Jef'n H. Cottman,
Silas Tomlinson,
Amos Thorp,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

TO DAVID S. HASSINGER.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of Common Council, of the Twenty-third Ward.

M. Bomeisler,
B. Clift,
Joseph Kinsley,
Jef'n H. Cottman,
Silas Tomlinson,
Amos Thorp,
Judges.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.

Certificate of Joseph L. Hancock from the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia:

Among other matters of Record, it is thus contained:

In the matter of the Election for members of the Common Council, for the City of Philadelphia, held May 1, 1855, in various divisions of the Twenty-fourth Ward, the following persons received the votes set opposite their names, viz.:

J. F. Knorr, had 836 votes.	
Joseph L. Hancock, had 846 votes.	
Joseph Hancock,	“ 5 “
D. C. Enos,	“ 847 “
Isaac Leech, Jr.,	“ 797 “
Thomas T. Butcher,	“ 730 “
Philip Lowry, Jr.,	“ 643 “
A. M. Eastwick,	“ 251 “
Chas. Peeler,	“ 2 “

Certified from the Record, May 7, 1855.

JAMES G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To J. F. KNORR.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election, held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council, for the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Wm. M. Leech,
John L. Frailey,
Evan Jones,
Jesse B. Beem,
Thos. Thomas,
Judges.

Philadelphia, May 2, 1855.

To D. C. ENOS.

Sir:—At a Municipal Election held on the 1st instant, you were duly elected a member of the Common Council, of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Wm. M. Leech,
John L. Frailey,
Evan Jones,
Jesse B. Beem,
Thos. Thomas,
Judges.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to call the roll of members.

Which was agreed to,

When 76 members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Bilyeu,
Binder,
Bishop,
Boric,

Messrs. Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,

Messrs. Dougherty,	Messrs. Miller, J. Washington,
Duane,	Moore,
Dunk,	Murphy,
Dyer,	M'Adams,
Enos,	M'Cleary,
Freeman,	M'Mullen,
Fuller,	Newell,
Gay,	O'Neill,
Gibson,	Parham,
Gordon,	Parker,
Grayson,	Patterson,
Green,	Peall,
Hacker,	Penrose,
Hancock,	Preston,
Hand,	Reed,
Hassinger,	Ridgway,
Henry,	Roberts, C. B.,
Hoppel,	Roberts, Spencer,
Houseman,	Roberts, T. J.,
Levering,	Sandgran,
King,	Steeling,
Knorr,	Stevenson,
Manuel,	Taylor,
Marsh,	Treadwell,
Martin,	Vaux,
Mascher,	Welsh,
Miller, Andrew,	Willetts,
Miller, Hiram,	Winship.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to a nomination and election of President.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Peall nominated David S. Hassinger.

Mr. Manuel noninated William P. Hacker.

Council then proceeded to vote *viva voce* for President, when 76 votes were cast, of which Messrs Berry, Bilyeu, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Hoppel, Houseman,

King, Manuel, Marsh, Hiram Miller, Moore, M'Mullen, Newell, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Spencer Roberts, Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Willetts.

41, voted for William P. Hacker.

Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Biddle, Boric, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hacker, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Andrew Miller, J. Washington Miller, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh and Winship.

33 voted for David S. Hassinger.

Mr. Hassinger voted for Jos. Taylor.

Mr. Henry voted for James C. Hand.

Mr. William P. Hacker having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected President.

Mr. Hassinger then administered the oath to the President elect, who returned thanks in an appropriate speech.

The members were then called up in front of the clerk's desk, and duly sworn or affirmed by the President.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the Rev. Joseph H. Jones be invited to open *this*, the first session, with prayer.

Which was agreed to, when

Messrs. Gordon and Penrose

Introduced said gentleman, when he invoked the blessings of Divine Providence on the deliberations of this Council.

Messrs. Miller and Beideman,

Committee from Select Council, informed, that that body are now organized, and ready to receive any communication this Council may please to transmit it.

Mr. Bishop

Presented a communication from John Quincy Adams,

soliciting the re-election as one of the Assistant Clerks of Common Council.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to proceed to the nomination and election of a Chief Clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bumm nominated John M. Riley.

Mr. M'Cleary nominated Thomas W. Duffield.

Council proceeded to vote *viva voce*, when the clerk reported seventy-five votes were cast.

Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Greene, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, M'Mullen, Newell, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

43 voted for John M. Riley.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for Thomas W. Duffield.

John M. Riley having received a majority of the votes, was declared duly elected Chief Clerk to Common Council.

Mr. Newell moved to proceed to the nomination and election of Assistant Clerk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel nominated Christopher W. Steel.

Mr. Dougherty nominated J. J. Gallagher.

Mr. Winship nominated John Quincy Adams.

Council proceeded to vote *viva voce*, when the clerk reported seventy-five votes cast.

Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Greene, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, M'Mullen, Newell, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgram, Steeling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

43 voted for Christopher W. Steel.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for J. J. Gallagher.

Christopher W. Steel having received a majority of votes, was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Newell

Moved to proceed to the nomination and election of two Messengers.

Which was agreed to, when

Mr. Berry nominated James Zimmerman.

Mr. Newell nominated Edward J. Fox.

Mr. Peall nominated John M. Graeff.

Mr. O'Neill nominated Allen Voorhees.

Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, M'Mullen, Newell, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgram, Steeling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

42 voted for James Zimmerman and Edward J. Fox.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for John M. Graeff and Allen Voorhees.

James Zimmerman and Edward J. Fox having received a majority of the votes, were declared elected Messengers of Common Council.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the Clerks and Messengers be sworn.

Which was agreed to.

The President then administered the oath or affirmation to each of the officers.

Mr. Grayson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Select Council to inform that body that this branch has effected its organization ; that Wm. P. Hacker, a member from the Twelfth Ward, has been elected Speaker, and John M. Riley, Clerk thereof ; and that it is now ready to receive any communication, and that the Clerk do go with said message.

Which was read twice, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to modify the resolution, to strike out all after the word *Resolved*, and insert " That a committee of two be appointed to wait upon Select Council, to inform them that this Council is now organized, by the election of Mr. Hacker as President and John M. Riley as Clerk, and ready to proceed to business."

Which modification was accepted, and the resolution as modified was adopted, and

Messrs. Grayson and Patterson were appointed said committee.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that a Joint Committee of two from each Chamber be appointed to wait on the Mayor, and inform him that these Councils are now organized, and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

Which was agreed to, and

Messrs. Penrose and Biddle were appointed on the part of Common Council.

Select Council concurred ; and appointed

Messrs. Hutchinson and Higgins as said committee.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the rules and regulations which were in use by the last Councils, be adopted for the use of the present Councils.

Which was read twice, and agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the members of Common Council proceed to drawing for seats.

Which was read twice, and agreed to.

The Clerk placed the name of each member in a separate envelope, and as he drew one out, handed it to the President, who called the member's name, and he then chose his seat. After the members had all chosen their seats, Council proceeded to the regular business, when

Mr. Penrose

Offered the following Preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, Although at all times it is the duty of the representatives of the people to guard with vigilant assiduity their interests, and to promote the general welfare, yet ought they especially so to do, when the people in the exercise of the elective franchise, plainly indicate to their representatives the popular belief that abuses have occurred, and

do exist in public affairs, which require reform. The indication of the general prevalence of such an opinion, is not only manifested in the daily walks and conversation of our citizens, but has been constitutionally expressed in the recent election, by which the legislative power of this city has been vested in the present members of the City Legislature. And,

Whereas, In these circumstances, a rigid and thorough scrutiny into public affairs is as imperatively demanded, as it is required in the discharge of the duty of the representative with fidelity. And,

Whereas, Although much may have been done amiss, so emphatically condemned by the people, may be, and no doubt is, beyond the reach of constitutional remedy; and many abuses from their very nature, although capable of a measure of redress, may be difficult of detection or of direct evidence, yet the duty of such scrutiny is not the less imperative, and may, if in no other measure of reform, result in the effective judgment and condemnation by public opinion and in legislative action, to prevent in future the errors and abuses of the past. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to inquire whether any, and if any, what abuses have occurred in the administration of the public affairs of this city; and whether any, and what legislation is required in regard to the same.

And further, to inquire whether the expenses of the City Government, with a proper regard to a wise economy, and the efficiency of administration, may not be reduced; and generally to report such measures of reform as may correct and restrain evil, lessen the public burdens, and conduce to the general welfare.

Which was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. M'Cleary

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the clerk be directed to furnish Councils a list of all officers in each Department, the names and

salaries, and what duty they perform under the government of the City.

Department of Water, from the Chief Engineer to the coal heaver and watchmen of reservoir and engine houses.

Department of Gas, from the Superintendent of Gas houses to every man employed about them.

Department of Girard Estate.

Department of Police.

Department of Highways.

Department of City Property.

Fire Department.

Department of Health.

Department of Poor.

Department of Prison.

Department of Schools.

* Department of Landings and Wharves.

Department of Market Houses.

Department of Law.

And all others that are employed by clerks of Councils, and others not here enumerated.

Which having been read and being under consideration, he withdrew the same to hear the report of Mr. Penrose, Chairman of the Joint Committee, appointed to wait upon the Mayor.

Mr. Penrose

Reported that the Committee had waited on the Mayor, who had stated he would be ready to report to Councils on next Thursday week.

Mr. M'Cleary

Then renewed the adoption of the resolution offered by him.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that this Council will be ready at the next stated meeting, to meet them in convention, for the purpose of electing a transcribing clerk.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have organized by selecting the following officers.

President, John P. Verree.

Clerk, Joseph Wood, Jr.

Assistant Clerk, John K. Zeilin.

Messenger, Jacob Smith.

Also,

They have passed the following resolution, and ask concurrence.

Resolved, That a Committee of two from each Chamber be appointed to wait upon the Mayor, and inform him that Councils are now organized and in session, and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

And have appointed Messrs. Hutchinson and Higgins, as said Committee.

Common Council concurred,

And appointed Messrs. Penrose and Biddle on the part of Common Council.

Mr. Penrose

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the standing Committees to be appointed by Common Council, be the separate Committees of this house, as a branch of the City Legislature.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and made the special order of the day for the next stated meeting of Councils.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, "and that the President do not appoint any of the Standing Committees until the Resolution be acted upon."

Which amendment was accepted.

On the motion, as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bidle, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Dougherty, Dyer, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Newell, Parham, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steeling, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willets.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Hancock, Levering, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Preston, Reed, Sandgran, Stevenson, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 43 ; nays 26.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to inquire into the present condition of the City Finances.

Which was read, when

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof until after the Committees are appointed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, M'Mullen, Newell, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steeling, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willets, Winship.

Yeas 31 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend the resolution by striking out " Committee of Five," and inserting " Standing Committee on Finance, when appointed."

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding, " and that said Committee be instructed also to inquire what amount of debt has been paid by the late City Government, for old contracts made by the old Districts.

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

On the amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and M'Cleary.

And being ordered were as follows, to wit :

YEAS — Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 36 ; nays 34.

Which was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the resolution as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Bumm.

And being ordered were as follows, to wit :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Bilyeu, Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Winship.

Yeas 42 ; nays 26.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that Council do now adjourn until Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 10th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Levering,
Baker, A. J.,	King,
Baker, Abraham,	Knorr,
Barton,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bilyeu,	Miller, Andrew,
Bishop,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Moore,
Broomall,	M ^c Adams,
Brouse,	M ^c Cleary,
Bockius,	M ^c Mullen,
Bumm,	Newell,
Chester,	O'Neill,
Conrad,	Parham,
Craven,	Parker,
Davenport,	Patterson,
Davis,	Peall,
Dougherty,	Penrose,
Duane,	Preston,
Dunk,	Reed,
Dyer,	Ridgway,
Enos,	Roberts, C. B.,
Freeman,	Roberts, Spencer,
Fuller,	Roberts, T. J.,
Gay,	Sandgran,
Gibson,	Steeling,
Gordon,	Stevenson,
Grayson,	Taylor,
Green,	Treadwell,
Hancock,	Vaux,
Hand,	Welsh,
Hassinger,	Willetts,
Henry,	Winship,
Hoppel,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .
Houseman,	

Mr. Bumm

Moved the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Mr. Penrose

Objected, when

Mr. Bumm

Withdrew his motion.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a petition from citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, contesting the election of Robert Newell, returned as a member of the Common Council from said Ward. (*See Appendix, No. 1*).

Which was read, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the President proceed to draw the names of a committee, in the matter of the contested election of Robert Newell, of the Fifteenth Ward.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the contestant, Mr. Vanhorn, be admitted to a seat upon the floor, to object, if he desired to do so.

Which was agreed to.

Council then proceeded, in conformity to the Act of Assembly, in relation thereto.

The following gentlemen were selected as the Committee, to wit:

Messrs. John F. Preston, Hiram Miller, Robert S. Reed, William H. Moore, James C. Hand, Alexander Mar-

tin, Francis Borie, John M'Mullen, William Levering, Chas. S. Dunk, W. S. Winship.

Who were duly sworn and affirmed.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a communication from Charles Gilpin and St. George Tucker Campbell, Esqrs., attorneys for Dobbin and Warfield, merchants, Baltimore, calling the attention of Councils to a communication submitted by them in the latter part of April, for coal furnished N. Knowles for Spring Garden Gas Works.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a bill of Thomas Gogerty, for interest on contract for building the Thompson street culvert, amounting to \$849 62½.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Reed

Moved that the Committee on the contested seat be instructed to meet at eight o'clock, this evening, in the Committee Room.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents on Spring Garden street, west of Broad, asking to have said street, east of Sixteenth street, curbed and graded.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Offered in place, and presented to the Chair, a bill entitled "An Ordinance to open Wallace (late St. Andrew's) street, from Broad to Sixteenth, in Fifteenth Ward."

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented the following communication from Strickland Kneass, Chief Engineer and Surveyor :

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Office of Chief Engineer and Surveyor, }
Philadelphia, May 7th, 1855. }

WM. P. HACKER, ESQ.,

President Common Council.

DEAR SIR:—The Board of Surveyors elected under the “Supplement to the Act of Consolidation,” passed April 20, 1855, met on Saturday, May 5th, and organized by electing Strickland Kneass, as Chief Engineer and Surveyor, they have taken the usual oath of office, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Very respectfully,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented the following message in writing :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 10, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to authorize a Loan to pay the third instalment on the subscription to the Capital Stock of the North-Western Railroad Company.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance making an appropriation to John Ritterson, Police Officer, for injuries sustained in the discharge of his duties.

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the Gold used in the manufacture of certain Medals, and for the balance due for the workmanship of the same.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sew-

ers and Cleansing of the City, to pay upon the terms herein mentioned, for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract."

An Ordinance entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 13th, 1855, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims therein mentioned."

R. T. CONRAD,

Mayor.

Also, the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., May 10, 1855. }

To the President of the Common Council :

Sir :—I herewith respectfully return the bill entitled "Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils at the City of Philadelphia, the twenty-sixth day of April, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five," from which it becomes my duty, under the twenty-first section of the Act of Assembly, entitled "A Supplement to the act consolidating City of Philadelphia," to withhold my signature.

R. T. CONRAD,

Mayor.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the resolution relative to the "Standing Committees," offered by him at the last meeting of Council, the same being the special order of the day.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the second reading and consideration thereof,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to strike out all after Resolved, and insert the following resolutions ; and further to amend, by prefixing the following preamble, to wit :

Whereas, By the Act entitled, "A further Supplement

to an Act entitled, an Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia," passed the second day of February, 1854, by which the boundaries of the City of Philadelphia were extended, and all its corporate powers enlarged and modified, it is provided in the fourth section thereof, that "the legislative powers of the said City, shall be vested in two bodies, to be called the Select and Common Councils:" and in the fifth section thereof, that "the members of the Select and Common Councils," "shall" "organize in separate chambers."

And whereas, It is essential to the proper exercise of legislative powers, that Committees—standing or select—should from time to time be appointed: and when such legislative powers are vested in two bodies—required to be organized in separate chambers, it is as requisite and necessary that each should possess the power to appoint such Committees; and that, therefore, the necessary implication from the express terms of the law which so vests the legislative power of the City in two bodies, and require that each shall organize in a separate chamber, is that each chamber shall possess the powers proper for the transaction of business as a distinct branch of the legislature, among which is the power to appoint Committees—either standing or select—either separate of each branch, or joint by the concurrent action of the separate chambers, and to determine the mode in which such Committees shall be appointed.

And whereas, Such power thus conferred by the organic law,—as it does not require for its existence any ordinance or law of the City Councils—so neither can it be taken away, nor abridged by any such action.

And whereas, While that organic law wisely forbids to the members of Council, whether as a committee or otherwise, "the performance of any executive duty whatever," it is not less imperative in its general terms, in requiring that the executive power should not be invited or permitted to encroach upon the powers properly vested in the Councils, or in the separate chambers thereof. Therefore

Resolved, That this chamber does possess the power to appoint Committees—either standing or select—either as

the separate Committees of this chamber, or joint by the concurrent act of this, and the chamber of the Select Council. That as this power exists by the organic law, it is neither conferred, nor can it be taken away or abridged by an Ordinance, and such an Ordinance, so far as it may propose to control or abridge the power of future Councils, is illegal and void.

Resolved, That the following Standing Committees, to consist of six members, shall be appointed by the President of this chamber, to wit:

1. A Committee of Finance.
2. A Committee on Department of Water works.
3. A Committee on Department of Gas works.
4. A Committee on Girard Estates.
5. A Committee on Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, Culverts, and Cleansing the City.
6. A Committee on Department of City Property and Public Grounds.
7. A Committee on Department of Police.
8. A Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.
9. A Committee on Department of Health.
10. A Committee on Department of Poor.
11. A Committee on Department of Prisons.
12. A Committee on Department of Schools.
13. A Committee on Surveys and Regulations.
14. A Committee on Railroads.
15. A Committee on Claims.
16. A Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves.
17. A Committee on Department of Law.
18. A Committee on Market Houses.

Resolved, That the said standing Committees, so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall from time to time in their discretion act in conjunction with like Committees to be appoint-

ed by the Select Council, if the Select Council should appoint such Committees or separately, but in all cases subject to the direction and control of this Chamber.

Resolved, That there shall also be appointed in manner aforesaid,

19. A Committee to compare Bills, and present the same to the Mayor for his approval, which Committee shall consist of three members and act in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Select Council.

20. A Committee on the Cash Account of the City Treasurer, to consist of members, to act in conjunction with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Select Council, which Committee shall perform the duty required by the 10th section of the Act.

Resolved, That each of the said Committees shall perform the duties appropriate to a committee of this chamber, and maintain a supervision of the department for which it is the proper committee, but neither the said committee, nor any member thereof, shall make any disbursement of corporate money, nor audit the account thereof, nor perform any other executive duty whatever, except so far as by the twentieth section of the act of the 20th of April, 1855, the supervision of Councils shall extend to and judge the character of all work and material done and furnished for the City, and to the sanctioning of the accounts and vouching therefor, according to the provisions of the said section.

Resolved, That the President of this Chamber shall appoint twelve committees of visitation of the Girard College of Orphans, to consist of six members each. The said committees shall each serve for one month successively, in the order in which they shall be arranged by the President, and shall visit the said College at least once in the month for which it is appointed, and examine the condition thereof, and report the same.

Resolved, That the President shall not appoint any other committee, unless the appointment of such committee be authorized by the vote or order of this Chamber.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by the concurrent

action of the Select and Common Councils, on the fifteenth day of June, A.D. 1854, whereby the members of Councils were appointed to take charge, and have the direction of all matters in the late City of Philadelphia, and in the rural Districts, Townships, Boroughs and parts of the County of Philadelphia, which were consolidated with the City of Philadelphia, and whereby the various officers of the said late City and Districts, were required to account to and be under the control of the said respective committees, be and the same hereby is annulled, rescinded and repealed, the said resolutions being contrary to law.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to consider each resolution separately.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to lay the resolutions upon the table, and that they be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend to strike out "and that they be printed for the use of members."

Which amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring upon the motion to lie upon the table,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Manuel, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Preston, Reed, Sandgran, Haeker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Norton, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller

(J. Washington), Moore, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steeling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 28 ; nays 46.

Which was not agreed to.

The question now being on the first resolution,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, by substituting the following in lieu of the resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That the Common Council have the right granted to them, by the Act of Consolidation, to complete their own organization, as a separate and distinct branch of the City Government, by the appointment of all committees necessary for their body ; nevertheless, for the harmonious workings of both branches of Councils, the President of Common Council be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint joint standing committees, as provided for in an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils," approved July 3d, 1854.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved the previous question.

And was sustained in the call by the following gentlemen rising, to wit :

Messrs. Gibson, Berry, Reed, Steeling, King, Gordon, Treadwell, Davenport, Houseman, Manuel.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put ?

It was agreed to.

The question now being to substitute the resolution of Mr. Gordon,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram,) Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Preston, Reed, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 38 ; nays 36.

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, and the same being under consideration,

Mr. Hoppel

Rose to a point of order, which being stated, is,

“ That under the previous question, the gentleman from the Eighth ward has no right to speak until the resolution and amendment have been disposed of pending before the House.”

The Chair

Decided that the substitute being the main question, upon which the previous question had been called, it therefore cuts off all debate.

Mr. Penrose

Appealed from the decision of the chair, but subsequently withdrew the same.

Mr. Freeman

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the “substitute” was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Rose to a point of order, which being stated, was,

“Whether under the previous question, a member has a right to move a reconsideration.”

The Chair

Decided that if the member had voted under a mis-conception of the question, it was perfectly in order.

The motion was then agreed to, and

On the motion to reconsider, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Patterson

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Moore, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 35 ; nays 37.

So the motion to reconsider was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Renewed his appeal, seconded by Mr. Biddle, to wit :

“The President having decided that after the vote of the Chamber, on the motion of the member from the Fifteenth ward to amend the amendment of the member from the Eighth Ward, by substituting that which he proposed, (here insert amendment), and after the vote to sustain the previous question, and the main question had been put on the amend-

ment to the amendment, and the question recurring on the original resolution as amended by the substitute, that the vote for the previous question, and that question still prevailed and cut off all debate on the resolution amended, the member from the Eighth Ward being then on the floor and addressing the House, the member from the Eighth appeals from the decision."

CHARLES B. PENROSE,
GEO. W. BIDDLE.

Mr. Hassinger was called to the Chair.

Mr. Conrad

Moved that the appeal be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Enos, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Moore, O'Neill, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Fuller, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 22; nays 45.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question being, Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Fuller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie,

Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Moore, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steeling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Hancock, Hassinger, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Penrose, Taylor, Winship.

Yeas 55 ; nays 14.

So the decision of the President was sustained.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to suspend the further consideration of the resolution, to take up a resolution from Select Council on the President's desk.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Whereas, We have received information that James Pollock, Governor of this Commonwealth, designs to make an official visit to the City of Philadelphia, for the purpose of examining our various public institutions, with the view to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the great interests of our City, so intimately blended with the welfare of the Commonwealth. Therefore,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that in behalf of the citizens of the said City, we tender to Governor Pollock a cordial welcome, and that the standing Committees of the respective Chambers be, and they are hereby directed to afford to his excellency every facility in the accomplishment of his object, by inviting him to, and assisting in his visits to the various institutions and departments for which they are the proper

Committees, and that a Committee of five from each chamber be appointed to receive the Governor on his arrival in the City to express to him this welcome, and present him with a copy of this resolution, subscribed by the Presidents of the respective chambers.

And have appointed the following gentlemen as said Committee :

Messrs. Roberts, Wainwright, Beideman, Ashton and Wharton.

Common Council concurred.

And appointed Messrs. Grayson, Reed, Patterson, Freeman and Hand as said Committee.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that when this Council adjourn, it will adjourn to Monday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved that we now adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 14th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hoppel,
Baker, A. J ,	Houseman,
Baker, Abraham,	Levering,
Barton,	King,
Berry,	Knorr,
Biddle,	Manuel,
Binder,	Marsh,
Bilyeu,	Martin,
Bishop,	Mascher,
Borie,	Miller, Andrew,
Bremer,	Miller, Hiram,
Broomall,	Miller, J. Washington,
Brouse,	Moore,
Bockius,	Murphy,
Bumm,	M'Cleary,
Chester,	M'Mullen,
Conrad,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Parker,
Davenport,	Patterson,
Davis,	Peall,
Dougherty,	Penrose,
Duane,	Preston,
Dunk,	Reed,
Dyer,	Ridgway,
Enos,	Roberts, C. B.,
Freeman,	Roberts, Spencer,
Fuller,	Sandgran,
Gay,	Steeling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Green,	Vaux,
Hancock,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Henry,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>

The President

Stated the first business in order to be the consideration of the resolution of Mr. Penrose, as amended by the substitute of Mr. Gordon, and

The question being on the adoption of the same,

Mr. Penrose

Asked leave to submit his reasons for voting against the amendment.

Which was granted.

He then submitted the following :

The undersigned enters on the Journal of this Chamber, the following reasons for his vote against the amendment to the amendment, offered by the member from the Fifteenth Ward, to wit :

The member from the Fifteenth Ward, offered as an amendment to the pending amendment, and as a substitute therefor, the following :

Resolved, That the Common Council have the right guarantied them, by the Act of Consolidation, to complete their own organization as a separate and distinct branch of the City Government, by the appointment of all committees necessary for this body. Nevertheless, for the harmonious working of both branches of Council, the President of Common Council be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint the Joint Standing Committees, as provided for in an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the Appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils," approved July 3, 1854.

And the undersigned voted against the same :

First. Because the said Ordinance requires that the Joint Standing Committees therein named, shall be appointed by the respective presidents of the Select and Common Councils annually.

Second. Because in so requiring that the said committees shall be appointed by the respective presidents, (if the bodies authorized by, and called in that ordinance "Standing Committees" of the respective Councils are con-

sidered committees of Councils at all,) the ordinance takes away from the Councils respectively the right to appoint standing committees, and vests that right in the respective Presidents, contrary to the Act of Assembly, which is the organic, and for this purpose, the supreme law, and which the legislative powers of the City of Philadelphia are vested in two bodies called the Select and Common Councils, the members of which are expressly required to organize in separate chambers.

Third. Because the bodies so called Standing Committees, and required by this Ordinance to be appointed as aforesaid, although to be appointed from among the members of Council, when appointed, are in no legal sense Committees of these chambers. They are appointed under the Ordinance, by the respective Presidents—not by the authority of the chambers, but by that of an Ordinance passed by former Councils.

Fourth. Because the bodies so called Standing Committees, are appointed permanently for one year, and cannot be removed or in any way controlled by the appointing power. For although the Presidents of Councils have, on the organization thereof, the right annually to appoint, they have no power to remove, or in any way control the bodies appointed.

Fifth. Because, as these so called Standing Committees are appointed by the said Presidents, under and by virtue of the said Ordinance, and not by the authority of the Select and Common Councils, organized in separate chambers, they can be neither removed, or in any way controlled by the Councils.

Sixth. Because by the organic and supreme law, it is expressly provided that “no member or members of Council shall make any disbursements of corporate monies, nor audit the accounts thereof, or perform any other executive duty whatever.”

Seventh. Because the so called Standing Committees—not being appointed by Councils or their authority, but by the authority of the Ordinance, they are as such officers of the City government; and therefore—not belonging to the legislative department—essentially *executive* officers of

that government, and they are by such Ordinance clothed with a general supervision over said departments, for the exposure and correction of evils and abuses, in the way and manner which they in their discretion may think best—not being required to report to the Councils, except only in the cases of the “Committee on Railroads,” and the “Committee on Claims,” and the Committee of visitations to the Girard College; which latter Committees have the discretion either to report to the Standing Committee of visitation, or to Councils, as they may think proper: and the Committee on the Departments of City Property and the Committee on the Girard Estate are *expressly* required to perform executive duties, as all the others are by implication.

Eighth. Because the said Committees so constituted, are required to be appointed of members of the Councils, and the members of Councils are expressly forbidden to perform any executive duty whatever, and are therefore forbidden in any way to become members of the executive government.

Ninth. Because the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils are also members of their respective chambers, and are equally, with the other members, forbidden to exercise any executive duty: and this Ordinance requires them to perform, in the appointment of these executive bodies, one of the highest functions of executive government.

Tenth. Because the Standing Committees so to be appointed for one year, are wholly irresponsible; and while they exercise duties affecting the interests of the citizens in every department of the government, they are neither required to give security, nor take an oath for the faithful discharge of their high duties: thus without responsibility themselves, having the power to relieve, and in a degree relieving the heads of the several executive departments over which they are appointed, and who do give security and take an oath for the faithful performance of their duties, from that responsibility. Executive bodies so constituted, and having such powers fastened on and made part of the City government, will tend, in the opinion of the undersigned, to generate abuses and cover malversation. For these reasons, the undersigned firmly believes that the Ordinance in question is illegal and void.

He has found no difficulty in the suggestion, that an Ordinance cannot be repealed by the separate action of one chamber. The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. The Constitution of the State is the supreme law of this Commonwealth—and the act of Assembly by which the City government is organized, is the supreme law in that government. And while we recognize no higher law than these, laws passed by the legislative power which are repugnant to such supreme law, are absolutely null and void.

It is not necessary that they should be repealed. They are of no effect whatever. It is laid down even in England, as an elementary principle, that “*Acts of Parliament derogatory from the power of subsequent Parliaments, bind not;*” and it is added, “because the legislature being in truth the sovereign power, is always of equal—always of absolute authority. It acknowledges no superior upon earth, which the prior legislature must have been, if its ordinance can bind a subsequent Parliament.” 1 Blackstone’s Commentaries, p. 90.

Equally important is an Ordinance of a former Council, to bind a subsequent one, in a matter in which the power of both is derived from the organic law, and under that law, equally absolute.

The argument that the Supreme Court of the State had jurisdiction to inquire into, and correct the action of these chambers in the mode of their organization, if sincerely put, belongs to that class of gross ignorance which cannot be enlightened to comprehend the proper functions of the different branches of our government. The mode of organization of these chambers, in respect to the appointment of Committees, must be decided here: and however erroneous, it is not the subject of judicial cognizance. The remedy for such errors, is in the tribunal of the people—a tribunal to which also belongs the case of the demagogue who professes to be the friend of reform before the election, to deceive the people, and who afterwards mocks them for their folly in committing a trust to unworthy hands. And sooner or later that tribunal will be sure to apply the proper corrective.

The undersigned believes, also, that the amendment of

the member from the Fifteenth Ward is calculated—although he believes it was not so intended—to degrade this chamber. For, while it asserts the right of the chamber to appoint “all Committees necessary for this body,” “as a separate and distinct branch of the City Government,” and thus shows a knowledge of the usurpation of the rights of this chamber, nevertheless, for the “harmonious working of both branches of Council,” proposes to yield to that usurpation, and to authorize the President to appoint the Joint Standing Committees under the ordinance.

It does not belong to the principles of American liberty to acknowledge the usurpation of right and tamely to submit to it; although such submission is undoubtedly a prominent feature in the harmonious working of despotisms, where the submission of the slave conduces so much to the complacency of the ruler.

Nor does the President of this Council, if the ordinance in question be a valid ordinance, require the authority of this chamber to appoint the standing committees under it; for it certainly was well argued by the member from the Seventeenth Ward, who proposed a submission to the usurpation, that the power of appointment resided in the President of this chamber, and that he was wanting in fidelity to his high functions in not disregarding the chamber, and appointing the Committee in spite of its action: an argument well taken, as to the legal effect of that ordinance, if it were a law, but demonstrating to every member who has a just sense of his own rights, and the rights of the people whom he represents, that the ordinance in question is not law, but absolutely null and void.

And besides all this, this ordinance and the appointment of committees under it, displaces the power expressly given by the organic law, “through” “proper committees” “to maintain a supervision of each department.” The nature of which committees is shown by the law which vests in them “for that purpose,” the power to “require the production and inspection of all books and papers,” and “the attendance of witnesses by subpoena,” and the right “to examine them under oath or affirmation”: powers evidently given for the mere purpose, not to act, but to examining the acts of others. These committees are committees of

Councils, to be appointed by and amenable to them under this organic law, and not bodies appointed under an ordinance vesting such appointment in a particular officer of Councils.

CHAS. B. PENROSE.

May 14, 1855.

Which was read, and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The yeas and nays, on the resolution as amended, were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram,) Moore, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Steeling, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Boric, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 35 ; nays 36.

The resolution as amended was not agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Here rose to a point of order, and being stated, is,

“That the house having adopted the substitute, and afterwards voted the resolution, as amended, down, there is now nothing before the Chair appertaining to the original subject.”

The Chair ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Henry

Rose to a point of order, and being stated,

“Whether, as a resolution had been adopted at a

meeting of Council, held May 7th, 1855, in these words, "*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered, the rules and regulations which were in use by the last Councils be adopted for the use of the present Councils," the proceedings were in order.

The Chair

Decided the whole proceedings were out of order, and that he would now proceed to appoint the Committees.

Mr. Penrose

Then appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Patterson

On leave granted (whilst the gentleman was reducing his appeal to writing), read in place, and presented to the Chair, a bill entitled "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3, 1854.'"

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed for three weeks, and the same be printed for the use of members.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bilyeu, Bremer, Bumm, Conrad, Gibson, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, Manuel, Moore, Parham, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Steeling.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram),

Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 15; nays 54.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof was agreed to.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title of the bill being under consideration,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to strike out the same.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, Manuel, M'Mullen, Parham, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 23; nays 47.

Which was not agreed to.

The title was then agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to suspend the rules, which forbid the reading

of a bill twice upon the same day, and that the bill be read a third time by its title.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Peall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bumm, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, Manuel, Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Steeling, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 46 ; nays 27.

So the bill was finally passed in manner and form following, to wit :

“An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3d, 1854:’

“SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils, approved July 3d, 1854,’ is hereby repealed.”

Select Council non-concurred.

Mr. Penrose

Then submitted his appeal, to wit :

“The President of this chamber having decided, at this stage of the proceedings, that the resolution for the appointment of committees was out of order, and that he would, without the consent, and against the will of a majority of this chamber, appoint the standing committees, and on the ordinance, entitled ‘An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils,’ although repealed by this chamber, the undersigned appeals from the decision of the Chair.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
JAMES A. FREEMAN,
J. TAYLOR.

May 14, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Hassinger was called to the Chair.

And on the question “Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?”

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Peall.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Moore, Murphy, McMullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts, (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Biddle, Borie, Dougherty, Hancock, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), McCleary, Penrose, Stevenson, Taylor, Winship.

Yeas 60; nays 13.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from citizens of the Third Ward,

contesting the seat of Andrew Miller, returned as a member of Common Council from said Ward. (*Appendix, No. 2.*)

Which was read, when

Mr. Bumm

Moved to proceed to draw the Committee in the matter of the contested election.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that the contestant be admitted to a seat upon this floor, to object if he desired to do so.

Which was agreed to.

Council then proceeded in conformity to the Act of Assembly in relation thereto.

And the following gentlemen were selected as the Committee, to wit:

Thomas Davis, Alexander Henry, D. C. Enos, Charles B. Penrose, Charles S. Dunk, Lewis Bremer, M. J. Dougherty, Alpheus W. Green, John Dyer, James M. Gibson, William M. Parham.

Who were duly sworn and affirmed.

Mr. Bumm

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to expedite public business, no member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes upon any one subject, nor more than twice, and that this resolution shall remain in force for six months.

Which was read twice, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to strike out "ten," and insert "five."

Which amendment was accepted.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a communication from Thomas Birch, Chief

Commissioner of Highways, enclosing a copy of an Act of Assembly, approved the 26th day of April, relative to the opening of Tioga street, from Richmond street to the Frankford Road.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Penrose

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Standing Committees to be appointed by the President, shall be the separate Committees of this chamber, amenable to the jurisdiction thereof, and that the first named member of each of the said Committees, shall be the Chairman thereof.

Which was read twice, when

The Chair

Ruled the same out of order, at this stage of proceedings.

Mr. Penrose

Appealed from the decision of the Chair, as follows :

“The President deciding that the foregoing resolution is not in order, we take an appeal from the decision of the chair.”

C. B. PENROSE,
GEO. W. BIDDLE.

On the question, “Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?”

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Biddle.

And being ordered were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel,

Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Peall, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Freeman, Miller (Andrew), Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Stevenson.

Yeas 61; nays 7.

So the decision of the chair was sustained.

The President

Announced the following Standing Committees:

Finance.—Messrs. Craven, *Chairman*, Hand, Patterson, Penrose, Davenport, Knorr.

Water Works.—Messrs. Hassinger, Marsh, Bilyeu, Conrad, Reed, Gay.

Gas Works.—Messrs. Manuel, *Chairman*, Butler, Ridgway, Biddle, Treadwell, Berry.

Girard Estates.—Messrs. Berry, Moore, Henry, Bishop, Bumm, Barton.

Highways, Bridges, Sewers, &c., &c.—Messrs. Gibson, *Chairman*, Binder, Houseman, Hoppel, Enos, Roberts, (T. J.)

City Property.—Messrs. Bumm, O'Neill, Fuller, Newell, Davis, Bockius.

Police.—Messrs. Penrose, *Chairman*, Green, Davenport, Abm. Baker, Grayson, Bremer.

Trusts and Fire Department.—Messrs. Parham, *Chairman*, Parker, Winship, Gibson, Gordon, Miller, (J. W.)

Health.—Messrs. Roberts (C. B.), McMullen, Preston, Steeling, McAdams, Sandgran.

Poor.—Messrs. Freeman, *Chairman*, Dyer, King, Broomall, Hancock, Mascher.

Schools.—Messrs. Roberts (Spencer), Taylor, Craven, Miller (Hiram), Duane, Dyer.

Prisons.—Messrs. Ridgway, McCleary, Baker (A. J.), Preston, Miller (Andrew), Manuel.

Surveys.—Messrs. Roberts (Spencer), *Chairman*, Willetts, Dunk, Borie, Conrad, Peall.

Railroads.—Messrs. Hoppel, Chester, Stevenson, Steeling, Reed, Vaux.

Claims.—Messrs. Green, *Chairman*, Miller (Hiram), Welsh, Marsh, Levering, Sandgran.

Law.—Messrs. King, Dougherty, O'Neill, Grayson, Gordon, Freeman.

Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.—Messrs. Bishop, *Chairman*, Martin, Chester, Fuller, Baird Willetts.

Markets.—Messrs. Newell, *Chairman*, Dunk, Parham Brouse, Davis, Murphy.

Compare Bills.—Messrs. Houseman, *Chairman*, Hasinger, Binder.

Visiting Committee, Girard College, for May.—Messrs. Preston, *Chairman*, Brouse, Baker (A. J.), King, Willetts, Chester.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Wharves and Public Landings, be directed to inquire into the expediency of consolidating the Department of Wharves and Public Landings, and the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, and report to Councils at their earliest convenience.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Market Houses, be directed to enquire into the expediency of consolidating the Department of Market Houses, and the Department of City Property, and report to Councils at their earliest convenience.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from Charles Clare, asking the introduction of the water pipes in Franklin street, from Seventh to Eighth streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from citizens and property owners on Orr street, Fifteenth ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be directed to enquire into the expediency of making such reduction of the Police Force, Supervisors, &c., in the rural wards as will make the rate of taxation more equitable between the rural wards and the more thickly populated parts of Philadelphia, and report to Councils at their earliest convenience.

The resolution having been read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Willetts

Moved to amend, to strike out all after "Resolved," and insert, "That a Special Committee of three be appointed, to ascertain and report, at as early a day as practicable, the proportionate rate of taxation due by the rural districts, under the supplement to the Act of Consolidation.

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to lay it on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council they have passed the following resolution:

Resolution providing for a reduction of the expenses of the City.

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of five members from each Chamber, including the Presidents thereof, be appointed, whose duty shall be to make inquiry upon the following subjects, to wit:

1st. Whether it is expedient to reduce the police force of the City, and if so, to what extent.

2d. To ascertain the number of clerks employed in the several departments, and their salaries, and what reductions or modifications are necessary.

3d. To make examination of the duties and labors of the various departments, and report as to the propriety of consolidating or reducing their number.

4th. To inquire and report a plan whereby the printing of Councils and Departments, may be regulated.

5th. To ascertain the revenues of the City from all sources whatsoever arising, and all expenses and disbursements of monies whatever, and make report of a plan to equalize the assessments, and also a plan for the general retrenchments of the expenses of the City.

6th. To inquire into the duties and salaries of heads of the departments respectively, and the number and duties of all persons employed by them, and make report as to the expediency of diminishing the number and salaries of the same, or either of them, and report by bill or otherwise on the above subjects.

And have appointed the following named gentlemen:

Messrs. O. P. Cornman, A. S. Roberts, T. J. Perkins, I. N. Marselis and John P. Verree, President, a committee on the part of Select Council.

Common Council concurred.

And appointed Messrs. Bishop, Parker, Henry, Patterson and Hacker, President, as a Committee on the part of Common Council.

Mr Peall

Presented a petition from property owners and residents on William streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking to have public lamps placed upon said street, from Richmond street to the river Delaware.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to try the contested seat of the gentleman of the Third Ward be directed to meet this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Committee Room of these Chambers.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special Committee of Five be appointed to enquire and report to this body the cheapest and best means of advertising the City Ordinances, and such other matters as the law requires to be published.

Which was read twice and agreed to, and

The President

Appointed Messrs. Knorr, Bumm, Berry, Gordon, and Gay, as said Committee.

Mr. Willetts

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be directed to procure certified copies of the Act of Consolidation with supplement, and have 500 copies of the same printed for the use of Councils.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend, to strike out "500," and insert "250."

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill (read in place, and)

Presented to the Chair, a bill entitled a supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay upon the terms mentioned for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract," approved May 10, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Biddle

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 17th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Chester,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Hoppel,
Houseman,
Levering,

Messrs. King,

Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Moore,
Murphy,
M^cAdams,
M^cCleary,
M^cMullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steeling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willets,
Winship,
Hacker, *President.*

Mr. Preston

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was not agreed to.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading.

Mr. Berry

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Mr. Penrose

Objected, and

The Clerk continued the reading.

Mr. Houseman

Moved to dispense with the further reading.

Mr. Penrose

Again objected, and

The reading of the same was continued to conclusion.

Mr. Penrose

Desired to have the Journal corrected, and moved to refer the minutes to a special committee of three, of whom the President shall be one, for examination and correction.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Treadwell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Biddle, Borie, Bockius, Duane, Freeman, Grayson, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Peurose, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Moore, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Par-

ker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 19; nays 45.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to refer the same to the President for correction, and called the yeas and nays.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to lay the subject on the table.

On which motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Parham.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Murphy, M'Mullen, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Bockius, Chester, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Grayson, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Martin, Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Roberts, (C. B.), Steeling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Welsh.

Yeas 33; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moore,

Chairman of the Committee on the contested seat of Robert Newell, of the Fifteenth Ward, presented the following report, to wit:

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, contesting the seat of Robt. Newell as a member of this Council, respectfully report:

That, upon their appointment, they immediately proceeded to the discharge of the duties imposed upon them, and after having heard the evidence and arguments of the parties interested, they have unanimously decided that Charles Vanhorn has received the highest number of legal votes for Common Council for said Ward, and that he, Charles Vanhorn, be admitted to his seat as a member of Common Council from the Fifteenth Ward.

WM. H. MOORE,
Chairman.

JAMES C. HAND,
HIRAM MILLER,
ALEXANDER MARTIN,
R. S. REED,
JOHN F. PRESTON,
WILLIAM LEVERING,
JOHN M'MULLEN,
W. S. WINSHIP,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
C. S. DUNK.

Committee Room, May 17, 1855.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Vanhorn was then sworn, and took his seat.

Mr. Berry

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Biddle and Penrose.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Bumm, Gordon, Green, Manuel.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker, (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spen-

cer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 5; nays 62.

Which was not agreed to.

The President

Stated that as the Chief Clerk had left the room, it would be necessary to appoint an assistant.

Mr. Gibson nominated Charles C. Wilson, who declined.

Mr. Joseph Wood was then selected for the post as temporary clerk, and took the oath of office.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a memorial from forty-five non-accepting fire companies, asking a repeal of the entire ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department.

Which was read.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the same to a special committee of five.

Mr. Winship

Moved the following amendment, which was accepted by Mr. Stevenson :

Resolved, That the memorial and supplement be referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, and that the Committee be instructed to report a supplement to the ordinance for the regulation of the Fire Department, making such alterations in the said ordinance as will make it acceptable to the Fire Department.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to amend the amendment to read, "That the Committee be instructed to report an ordinance repealing

the ordinance now in force regulating the Fire Department."

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Parham.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bremer, Bumm, Chester, Dougherty, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hoppel, Martin, Mascher, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Vaux, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 20 ; nays 46.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Winship, upon the suggestion and concurrence of Mr. Stevenson, the amendment was modified to read as follows :

Resolved, That the memorial and supplement be referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, and that the Committee be instructed to report a supplement to the ordinance for the regulation of the Fire Department.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Baker.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Ful-

ler, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McAdams, McCleary, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 64; nays 0.

So the resolution as modified was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that permission be granted to occupy the two squares on Market or Washington street, west of Park street, in said Ward, as a market-stand for wagons.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Grayson

Presented a memorial from citizens of Philadelphia, asking that arrangements may be made to continue the use of Smith, Seckel & Co.'s sweeping machines, for the cleansing of the public streets of the City, or at least those of the Twelfth Ward thereof.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from the "Pennsylvania Steam-Towing and Transportation Company," praying the removal of obstructions in the River Schuylkill, placed there by the "Penrose Ferry Bridge Company."

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from citizens residing on Auburn street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Second Ward, asking to have the lamp in said street put in burning order.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Vaux

Presented a petition from owners and occupiers of property on Apple-tree Alley, from Fourth to Fifth street, asking to have said square repaved as early as practicable.

Which was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a report from M. Z. Senderling, M. D., Vaccine Physician for the late District of Kensington, (East,) accompanied by a bill for salary to April 1st, 1855.

Which was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Fuller

Presented a petition from John Hetzell, lessee of Christian street landing, asking that the accumulations of dirt from the culvert at the foot of said landing, may be removed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a bill from M. Z. Senderling, M. D., for professional services rendered to John Ritterson, Police Officer, of the Eighteenth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Fuller

Presented a petition from owners of ground fronting on Cottage street, First Ward, asking to have said street paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from owners and occupants of property in Fourth street, between Market and Chestnut streets,

calling the attention of Councils to the wretched condition of said street, and asking that the same may be repaved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Thompson street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, asking that the water pipes may be laid in said street, and the same paved as soon as practicable.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution, with bill annexed, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

JAMES C. HAND,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
J. F. KNORR,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
W. O. KLINE,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
W. C. PATTERSON.

Committee Room, May 17th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily, for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on this seventeenth day of May, 1855, entitled " An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation ;" and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next, after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall pre-

sent to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

Which was twice read, and adopted.

The Ordinance was then read and ordered to be printed.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented a message in writing. (*See Appendix, No. 3.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that five hundred copies of the message be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend to strike out "five hundred" and insert "one thousand."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out "one thousand" and insert "two hundred."

Which was agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the motion, as amended,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils;

The Committee on Highways report herewith resolutions directing the paving of certain streets, asked for by the property-holders; also, the repaving of others reported

by the Department as necessary, and recommend that they be passed.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
GEO. A. BINDER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, May 17, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause the following streets to be paved, to wit:

Reed street, from Seventh to Passyunk Road,

Hay street, from Sixth to Seventh street.

Fitzwater street, from Fifteenth to Eighteenth street.

Dickinson street, from Seventh to Eighth street.

Eleventh street, from Federal street to County Prison.

Fifth street, from Morris to Mifflin street.

Ninth street, from Federal street to Passyunk road.

Twenty-first street, from Chestnut to Locust, and Spruce
to Pine street.

Parrish street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fourth street.

Wood street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street, and from
Twenty-first to Twenty-third street.

Carlisle street, from Parrish to Poplar street.

Ogden street, from Carlisle to Fifteenth street.

Girard avenue, from Eleventh to Twelfth street, south side.

Girard avenue, from Thirteenth to Broad street.

Ontario street, from Girard avenue to Carroll street.

Green street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth street.

Jefferson street, from Tenth to Eleventh street.

Tenth street, from Jefferson street south to present paving.

Twenty-third street, from Coates to Parrish street.

Clinton street, from Poplar to Girard street.

Jackson street, from Brown to Parrish street.

Charlotte street, from Franklin avenue to Master street.

Franklin avenue, from Third to Apple street.

Jefferson street, from Second street to Germantown road.

Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Somerset street.

Huntingdon street, from Frankford road to Kensington avenue.

Front street, from Montgomery to Harrison street.

Germantown road, from present paving to Susquehanna avenue.

Huston street, from Duke to West street.

Dauphin street, from Sepviva to Front street.

Horstman street, from Johnston's lane to Reed street.

Seventh street, from Reed to Franklin street.

Susquehanna avenue, from Front to Second street.

Shippen street, from paving west of Broad to Seventeenth street.

Provided, That no street shall be commenced until the water pipes are laid therein.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to repave the following streets, to wit :

Mead street, from Front to Swanson street.

Shippen street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street.

Chancery lane, from Arch street to Combe's alley.

St. James street, from Sixth street west 200 feet.

Queen street, from Shackamaxon to Marlborough street.

Sutherland street, from Christian to Queen street.

Nectarine street, between Eighth and Eleventh streets.

Myrtle street, from Eleventh to Twelfth and from Thirteenth to Ontario street.

Gilbert street, from Tenth to Kessler street.

Which was read twice, and the first resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 24th, 1855.

Council met, and being called to order,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that rule second, requiring the roll to be called, be dispensed with at this and future meetings of Council.

Which was not agreed to.

The roll was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hand,
Baker, A. J.	Hassinger,
Baker, Abraham,	Henry,
Biddle,	Hoppel,
Binder,	Levering,
Bilyeu,	King,
Borie,	Knorr,
Bremer,	Manuel,
Broomall,	Marsh,
Brouse,	Martin,
Bockius,	Mascher,
Bumm,	Miller, Andrew,
Chester,	Miller, Hiram,
Craven,	Miller, J. Washington,
Davenport,	Moore,
Davis,	Murphy,
Dougherty,	M'Adams,
Duane,	M'Cleary,
Dunk,	M'Mullen,
Dyer,	O'Neill,
Enos,	Parham,
Freeman,	Parker,
Fuller,	Patterson,
Gibson,	Penrose,
Gordon,	Preston,
Grayson,	Reed,
Hancock,	Ridgway,

Messrs. Roberts, C. B.,	Messrs. Treadwell,
Roberts, Spencer,	Vanhorn,
Roberts, T. J.,	Vaux,
Sandgran,	Welsh,
Steelling,	Willetts,
Stevenson,	Winship,
Taylor,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

The President

Read a communication from John M. Riley, Clerk, disavowing any intentional disrespect to the Chamber by the course pursued by him at the last meeting, by leaving the Chamber.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, Levering, King, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Chester, Duane, Freeman, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Marsh, M'Cleary, Patterson, Penrose, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh.

Yeas 40; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a communication from Lane Schofield, ask-

ing that measures may be taken for the payment of his contract for constructing culverts in the late District of Penn.

Which, with the ordinance, was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a re-consideration of the vote, by which the resolution was adopted at the last meeting, providing for the loan of \$ 1,000,000.

Which was agreed to.

And further: Moved to amend the Ordinance, by inserting the word, "quarterly" between the words "appropriated" and "out," where they occur in second section in said Ordinance.

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a communication from Samuel Weyant, owner of property on Frankford Road, through which Vienna street has been extended, remonstrating against any encroachment on the same, until the said street is lawfully opened, and satisfaction made for the loss of the ground.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from the citizens of Philadelphia, urging the early construction of a bridge over the River Schuylkill, at Chestnut Street, as provided for by the recent Supplement to the Act of Consolidation.

Mr. Knorr

Presented two of similar import.

Which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a communication from owners of property on Long lane, agreeing to close the said lane from Seventeenth (late Schuylkill Sixth) street to Prime street, as

provided by the Act of 1849, vacating the said lane, accompanied with a copy of said Act.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Craven

Presented a communication from Hon. William Bigler, President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, inviting the members to be present at a meeting of said Company, to be held on the evening of the 24th inst.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Twentieth street, between Cedar and Federal streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. King

Presented a petition from property owners on Depot Street, 13th Ward, asking that the same may be re-paved at an early date.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Fuller

Presented a petition from Messrs. Simpson & Neill, shipwrights, and proprietors of the "Sectional Floating Dry Dock," situated in the Third Ward, earnestly requesting speedy action may be taken in having the wharf line extended, and that they be allowed to build out their wharf, on the north side of Christian street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a communication from Engelbert Mintzer, offering to cleanse the streets of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, and re-paving the same at a cheaper rate than is now done.

Mr. Vaux

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents on Twelfth street, between Market and Arch streets, and on Filbert street, between Eleventh and Thirteenth streets, asking for the construction of a sewer at the corner of Twelfth and Filbert streets.

Which were severally referred (the last without reading) to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a petition from property owners on Green street from Harvey to Walnut lane, and upon Walnut lane, from Green to Wayne street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the public lamps may be placed on said streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a communication from property owners in the vicinity of the markets at Second and Franklin streets, remonstrating against the action of the Chief Commissioner of Markets, in erecting sheds at the end of said markets, and

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby required to discontinue the work in progress at the markets in Franklin street, near Second, and he is further required not to commence any new work without a resolution of Councils authorizing the same.

Which was read twice and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

The President

Presented a communication from John Devereux, President of the Board of Trustees of the Ice boat, notifying this Council that the term of William Cummings, Esq., as a trustee of said boat, expires May, 1855.

Also,

A communication from W. H. Maurice, offering himself

as an applicant for supplying blank books, printing, and stationery for Council.

Also,

A communication from Justin E. Bird, offering himself as a candidate for the office of Transcribing Clerk of Councils.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from John B. Kenney, Alderman of the Fifth Ward, resigning the office of Police Magistrate of said Ward.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a communication from Richard Wistar, remonstrating against any action on the petition for paving Wallace street, in the late District of Spring Garden, as proceedings to open the same are pending in the Court of Quarter Sessions, and further protesting against any member of Council who owns property to be affected by the proposed action, serving on committees or voting on the question connected therewith.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, to enable him to offer a series of resolutions at this time.

Which was agreed to.

He then offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the City Controller be, and he hereby is required to report to the Common Council the sources from which the revenues and funds of this City are derived, and which, if any, are specially pledged to any particular purpose or indebtedness, and an estimate of the amount which may be expected to be derived from each within the current fiscal year ; how much has been paid monthly from

each up to this time, and how much may be safely estimated to be derived from each, monthly, for the residue of the fiscal year.

And the said Controller shall also be required to report the several appropriations made by the City Councils, with the date of each appropriation; classifying the same so as to show the appropriations made to each object together. That he shall also report the amount drawn on each appropriation, and the balance standing to the debit or credit of each such appropriation.

And the said Controller is hereby requested to report an estimate of the amounts of each appropriation unexpended which will be required to be paid within each and every month of the residue of the fiscal year.

And the said Controller is also required to report the amount of corporation taxes due to the respective boroughs and districts, so consolidated and embraced within the City of Philadelphia, at the time of such consolidation, stating therein the amount due to each, and, as far as practicable, how much in each case is in the hands of collectors, and the name of such collectors. Whether the evidence of such debts has been deposited in his department, or if not, where, or in whose hands, the same are deposited, and what measures, if any, have been taken to obtain the payment of the same.

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is hereby requested and required to report to the Common Council what amount of Taxes has been assessed for the current fiscal year; what amount thereof paid, and of the amount paid, how much has been paid in each month up to this time, and also, to report to this Chamber an estimate of how much of the amount of the outstanding taxes so assessed, may be anticipated to be paid in each month for the residue of the current fiscal year. And that he further report what amount of taxes of previous years is yet due and unpaid; designating the amount due for each year, and how much thereof is secured by lien on real estate; and of such taxes of previous years, what amount has been paid within the current year; and an estimate of the amount which may be anticipated to be paid into the Treasury from this source

within the residue of the current fiscal year. And further that he be required to report to this Chamber, by what mode, if any, in the assessment of City Taxes, the requirement of the Act of Assembly, that the "fiscal year" "shall commence on the first day of January, in each and every year," has been arranged or conformed to.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is required to report to the Common Council what revenues are by law payable directly to his Department, and not through any other department, and what is the amount thereof, by whom and when payable. Whether any interest is due by any Railroad, to the stock of which the City has subscribed, and if any, how much, and from what Railroads, and how long such interest is past due.

The City Treasurer is also required to report what amount has been paid within the current fiscal year, on each appropriation made by law, so classifying the same that the appropriation for each particular object shall be stated together. He is also required to report the cash balance in the Treasury on the first day of each month of the current fiscal year, up to this time.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is requested and required to report to this chamber, the amount of the respective debts within the knowledge and control of his department, due to the City of Philadelphia and the Districts, Townships, and Boroughs, respectively, at the time when the same were consolidated and embraced within the City of Philadelphia, by the act entitled, "A further supplement to an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia;" designating in such report the nature and character of such debts, the nature of the evidence by which they are established, and in what office, if such evidence be documentary, the same has been placed or filed—what measures have been taken for the recovery of the same, together with an estimate of the amount which may be anticipated to be paid of such debts within the current year, and at what time. That the said Solicitor be requested and required to report to this chamber, any other sources of revenue within the cognizance and care of his Department, which may be anticipated to be paid within

the current year, together with the amount which is now outstanding.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he hereby is requested and required to report to this chamber, a schedule or statement of the City Property in charge of his Department; stating in such report, an estimate of the value of each item of such property, the uses to which it is applied, and the revenue, if any, derived from such property, and the expense of keeping the same in repair. And that the said Commissioner shall be also required to report to this chamber, what parts or portions of such property may be advantageously sold, without detriment to the public service, and without prejudice to the health or welfare of the city.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he hereby is requested and required to report to this Chamber what public work within his department has been authorized or contracted for; where such work is situated; what is its nature or description; when it was authorized or contracted for, and by whom; what is the estimated cost of each piece of work so authorized or contracted for; how much has been already expended thereon, and an estimate of the amount which will be required to complete the same; and of this sum, how much in each case will be required to be paid in each and every month of the current fiscal year.

And further resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be, and he hereby is, requested and required to co-operate and unite with the said Chief Commissioner of Highways, in certifying the estimates of such work as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he hereby is, required to report to this Chamber, the amount of revenue which has been or may be derived from the property in charge of his department within the current fiscal year, and the amount of expenses paid, or to be paid, thereout; how much of such revenue has been already paid into the treasury, and an estimate of the amount which will be paid in each and every month of the residue of the fiscal year.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Wharves and Landings be, and he hereby is, required to report to this Chamber the amount of revenue which will be produced by the property in charge of his department, within the current fiscal year, together with the expenses chargeable thereupon; how much of such revenue has been already paid into the treasury, and an estimate of how much will be paid in each and every month within the residue of the current fiscal year.

Resolved, That the reports required by this Chamber, of the several heads of department, be made at the earliest practicable day.

Which were severally read twice, considered, and adopted.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a communication from James McCaraher, of the Ninth Ward, enclosing a bill for registering the unpaid taxes of the City of Philadelphia, from June 15 to July 15, 1854, and asking the early attention of Councils to the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Stevenson

Presented a communication from Peter B. Walter, of the Eleventh Ward, submitting proposals for cleansing the streets in the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards of the City.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Fifteenth street, between South and Federal streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

A petition from owners of property fronting on Prime street between Jefferson Avenue and Third street, in the Second Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report and bill annexed.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report herewith an ordinance providing for the construction of a culvert in Queen street, from Ash to Wood, a distance of about two hundred feet ; the work is necessary to carry off the surface drainage, which, until recently, flowed into the river at Wood street, the river front at said street having been wharfed in by the Lehigh Coal Company. The water and filth of the gutters is now discharged upon said wharf.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
GEO. A. BINDER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, May 17th, 1855.

An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a culvert in Queen street, from Ash to Wood, in the Eighteenth Ward.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

The first and only section being under consideration, and the question being on agreeing to the same,

Mr. Davis

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for two weeks.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Gordon, Hoppel, Manuel, Moore, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 45 ; nays 20.

So the motion to postpone was agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a bill fixing the width of cartways in narrow streets, and directing their being paved with tramways ; which they recommend Councils to pass.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
GEO. A. BINDER,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, May 24th, 1855.

An Ordinance to regulate and fix the width of the cartways in certain streets.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report a resolution requisite to obtain the permission of two owners of property on the line of Sixth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, through which the water pipes must be laid before the Water Works in said Ward can be put in operation.

It is very desirable this permission be obtained without further delay, as the Works can be put in operation within two weeks from the time of having such permission.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
A. F. HOPPEL,
GEO. A. BINDER,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
B. R. MILLER.

Committee Room, May 17, 1855.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be authorized on behalf of the Corporation to stipulate and agree with Messrs. Henry Bickley and W. H. Kern, that if they permit the pipes for the conveyance of water to be laid through their property on Sixth street, from the Water Works, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to the line of said Bickley's property, south thereof, in the said Ward, no advantage will be claimed or alleged against said Bickley or Kern, by reason of such permission. And any claim which they, or either of them may have against the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, shall be and remain as if such permission had never been given or such pipes laid.

Which was read twice and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report annexed a resolution, authorizing a contract with the Reading Railroad Co., for the construction of an Iron Bridge to connect Girard Avenue where it crosses their road on Pennsylvania Avenue, and to grade each side of Pennsylvania Avenue, so as to connect the travel from Girard Avenue at the Bridge, with Poplar street on the south, and Thompson street north of the same ; the estimated cost of the whole work is over \$34,000, the Reading Railroad Co. to pay all over the amount named in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
GEO. A. BINDER.

Committee Room, May 17, 1855.

Resolution relative to a Bridge over the Reading Railroad at Girard Avenue.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized on behalf of, and for the City Corporation, to enter into a contract with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, for the following purposes, namely: the said Railroad Company to construct a bridge on Girard Avenue, where it crosses the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, at Pennsylvania Avenue, and to grade the latter Avenue in conformity with the plans prepared by the said Company, and the City Corporation to pay one half the expense of constructing the said bridge and grading said Avenue, but in no event to pay beyond the amount of \$17,000 for said purposes, such contract to be submitted to the Com-

mittee on Highways for approval, before it is finally entered into on the part of the City, and the expense of said work to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Department of Highways, for grading streets, by Ordinance approved March 13th, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred the subject of opening Wallace street, from Broad to Sixteenth, report the annexed resolution to carry the same into effect.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
GEO. A. BINDER,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, May 24th, 1855.

A resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Wallace street, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to give notice forthwith to the owners of the ground through and over which Wallace street (lately called St. Andrew street,) from Broad to Sixteenth, in the Fifteenth Ward, is laid out on the plan of the late District of Spring Garden, that, at the expiration of three months from the said notice, Councils will order the said street, within the said limits, to be opened for public use, as they are authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly,

approved April 21st, 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three weeks.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Biddle,

(On leave granted at this time,) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the sub-committees of visitation to Girard College for Orphans, to be appointed for each of the months of June, July, August and September, shall consist of seven members of Common Council.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Penrose,

Chairman of the Committee on Police, presented the following report, with resolution annexed.

The Committee on Police report for the consideration and action of this Chamber, the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That so much of the message of the Mayor as relates to the police of the City, its organization, econo-

my, and necessity, be referred to the Committee on Police for examination and report.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
Chairman.

LEWIS BREMER,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
FRED'K W. GRAYSON,
ALM. BAKER,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
A. G. WATERMAN.

Committee Room, May 24th, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Mascher, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Binder, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Mullen, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 25; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Chester

Moved to amend the resolution to strike out "Com-

mittee on Police," and insert "Joint Special Committee already appointed."

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding at the end thereof, "and said Committee report at the next stated meeting of Council."

Which amendment was accepted.

The question being on the motion to strike out and insert,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Chester, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Brouse, Bunn, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Roberts, (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 33 ; nays 34.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,
It was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Presented the following reasons, and requested that the same be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved the reasons of Mr. Penrose be read.

Which was not agreed to.

The undersigned enters on the Journal of this Chamber, the following reasons for the suggestion he made at the meeting of Council on the 17th instant, on the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the adjourned meeting of the 10th, and of the stated meeting of the 12th instants, that the said Journal did not record truly the proceedings which had taken place ; and for the motion he subsequently made, for the appointment of a Select Committee of three, of whom the President should be one, to examine the Journal, and rectify and report it to the Chambers.

The reading of the Journal of a legislative body is an important right of every member. It is then only that errors and omissions can be corrected. I claimed that right, and it was conceded to me. My purpose was to correct errors which I believed to exist in the Journal. The Journal being read, these errors were manifest to the intelligent members of the Chamber. It was not a *true* record of the proceedings of the body ; but, on the contrary, as it now stands it imports the decision of an important question *contrary* to the actual decision made by the Chamber. I moved to amend it, and made a statement of the questions as they had been presented and decided. The President, after the statement was made by me, declared that that statement was entirely correct.

I will now repeat the statement, and show how the Journal, as made by the Clerk, does wrong to the Chamber, as well as to myself.

On the first day of the session, I offered the following resolution :

“ *Resolved*, That the Standing Committees to be appointed by Common Council be the separate Committees of this house, as a branch of the City Legislature.”

This resolution being under consideration, Mr. Patterson moved that its further consideration be postponed, and it be made the special order of the day for the next stated meeting of the Councils, which he modified by adding, “ that the President do not appoint any of the Standing Committees until the resolution be acted upon.” On which motion the yeas and nays were demanded, and being ordered were yeas 43, nays 26. At the next stated meeting of Councils,

on the 10th inst., on my motion the Common Council proceeded to the order of the day, which was the second reading and consideration of the said resolution relative to the appointment of standing committees; which resolution being under consideration, I moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting the "following amendments." These amendments in form consisted of several resolutions, the first of which affirmed the right of the chamber to appoint the standing committees, and the residue provided for the exercise of that right by requiring the President to appoint such committees, &c; to which resolutions a preamble was prefixed.

The question being on the amendment thus offered to the resolution, Mr. Hancock called for a division of the question, and moved that the question should be taken on each clause of the amendments separately, which was ordered: and the question being on the first clause or division of the amendments, a motion was made to lay the resolution, together with the amendments, upon the table; upon which motion the yeas and nays were called and ordered, and were yeas 28, nays 46. So the Chamber refused to lay the resolution and amendments upon the table. The question recurring on the first division or clause of the amendment, Mr. Gordon moved to *amend the amendment*, by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

"*Resolved*, That the Common Council have the right granted to them by the act of Consolidation, to complete their own organization as a separate and distinct branch of the city government, by the appointment of all committees necessary for their body; nevertheless, for the harmonious working of both branches of Councils, the President of the Common Council be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint joint standing committees, as provided for in an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the appointment of standing committees of Councils, approved 3d July, 1854.'"

Which amendment to the first clause of the amendment being under consideration, the yeas and nays were called and were—yeas 38, nays 36.

The question recurring on the *amendment* as thus

amended, the Council, on motion, adjourned to meet on the Monday following, at 3 o'clock.

When the Council met in pursuance of adjournment, and when the *amendment* to the *amendment* was again under consideration, the yeas and nays were called on agreeing to the amendment as thus amended, and being taken, the yeas were 36, nays 38. So the amendment as amended *was not agreed to*, and the Chamber thus refused to authorize the President to appoint joint committees under the ordinance.

The question then recurring on the original resolution, which was "that the standing committees to be appointed by Common Council be the separate committees of this house as a branch of the City Legislature," and that question being under consideration, Mr. Hoppel presented as a point of order, to the Chair: "That the house having adopted the substitute, and afterwards voted *the resolution* as amended down, there is now nothing before the chair appertaining to the original subject."

The President ruled that the point of order was not well taken, and that the *original resolution was then before the House*. But before a question could be taken on that resolution, Mr. Henry suggested that the resolution and all the proceedings upon it were out of order, as being in conflict with the rule that "no ordinance shall be repealed except by ordinance," whereupon the President sustained the suggestion made by Mr. Henry, and declared the resolution out of order, and that he would appoint the standing committees under the ordinance.

The point of order raised by Mr. Hoppel was not founded in fact, as it was not true that the house had voted the *resolution as amended down*; and the chair ruled the point of order against him upon that ground, and that ground alone.

The action of the Chamber had been just the reverse of this. For, upon the vote just taken, when the question was fully explained, the majority had decided that the President should not appoint standing committees under the ordinance, and manifested by that vote a determination to adopt the original resolution, which required the committees to be

appointed "as the Committees of the Common Council as a separate branch." And it was to prevent that vote, that Mr. Hoppel first suggested his point of order, which was ruled against him by the President, and Mr. Henry suggested his, upon which the President took the vote from the Chamber, by declaring the resolution out of order.

The Journal as it stands, is wrong as it imports that the fact was as Mr. Hoppel, in his point of order, stated it to be, (and the President decided it was not;) and it also imports that the Chamber had voted against the original resolution, when in point of fact no such vote had been taken, and the very contrary of this was indicated by the vote actually taken. And the error is, that in the Journal, the Clerk has started with the statement that the motion was to strike out all after the word "resolved" in the original resolution, and insert "the following *resolutions*," instead of "the following *amendments*;" and follows up that error, in stating in the Journal that the motion was to consider each "*resolution*" separately; when in point of fact, the motion was a call for a division of the question to consider each clause of the "*amendment*" separately, there being but one *resolution* before the Chamber, and that the *original resolution*, proposed to be amended. And so, still following up the same error, when the division of the amendment was ordered, the Journal states that the question "on the *first resolution*," (which in parliamentary language, in the then condition of the question, imports the *original resolution*,) when in point of fact, the question was not on the first or original resolution, but upon the first clause of the amendment. And Mr. Gordon's motion was to amend, not the original resolution, but the first clause of the amendment by his substitute—and he could not have moved as the Journal represents, his *amendment* to the *amendment*, as a *substitute* for all the clauses of the amendment—one clause only being then before the house. And thus when the house refused to agree to the amendment as amended, it was a decision against the appointment of standing committees under the ordinance—but the Journal represents that the vote taken on the amendment as amended, was a vote on the *resolution* as amended—and that the "house refused to agree to the *resolution* as amended;" when, in point of fact,

the decision was just the other way—the house having voted one way, and the Journal represents it as voting the other. And this gross misrepresentation arises from the fact, that the Journal throughout calls the amendment “*resolution*,” and the first clause of amendment, the “*first resolution* ;” when, in truth, the *original* resolution was the *first* and only *resolution* before the Chamber, and on which a vote was prevented by the ultimate decision of the chair.

The President declared that the statement of the proceedings made by me was strictly accurate, and I yielded instantly to the suggestion of Mr. Patterson, that the correction of the Journal should be made by the President.

Mr. Hoppel objected to this, on the ground that the correction might make him ridiculous, and that he had equal rights with the President; and the President at once declared, that he would not assume the responsibility of correcting the Journal.

I then pressed my motion for the appointment of a committee, of which I moved that the President should be one. That this course was the proper one, is shown by a reference to *authority*. The rule for such a case is laid down in Sutherland’s Manual, at p. 113. “On information of a mis-entry, or omission of an entry in the journal, a committee may be appointed to examine and rectify it, and report it to the House.” For this, Judge Sutherland quotes 2 Hats, 194-5.

That the Journal is untrue is very palpable, and it is only surprising that there should have been any hesitation in having the truth recorded.

The Consolidation Act, our organic law, and to which in effect every member has sworn fidelity, requires that “each Council” “shall keep a journal of its proceedings.” The duty is one of the Council, and not of the Clerk, who is but an instrument. It is their journal, not his. It is also the duty of the presiding officer to see that the journal is faithfully kept, and that it is a true record of the proceedings of the body over which he presides. That this is the duty of the presiding officer is known to every one not wholly ignorant of parliamentary law on the duties which

belong to the chair. The President having declined this duty, my only alternative was the motion I made for a committee: the plain object of which was to examine the Journal, and, if found at variance with the truth, to rectify it, and report it to the house for final action.

The undersigned considered it quite extraordinary that the President should have declined, after having said that the statement made was strictly accurate, to perform the duty of correcting the Journal; and he considers it not less surprising, that he should have voted against the appointment of the proposed committee, and to lay on the table the motion made to refer the Journal to the President for correction; although the undersigned is free to admit that there is a perfect consistency in these steps.

The undersigned has discharged his duty, in the effort he has made to make the Journal conform to the truth. To any one acquainted with parliamentary proceedings, it bears internal evidence that it does not do this now. Having done his duty, he is content to record that the responsibility of his failure is not with him.

The rule of the Chamber, which precludes debate, leaves no other alternative to a member than to use his privilege of putting on the Journal of the house his reasons for his action, as recorded in the Journal either correctly or incorrectly.

CHAS. B. PENROSE.

May 24th, 1855.

The Mayor's Clerk was introduced, with the following Message from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., May 24th, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—By a joint resolution of Councils, passed April 3, 1855, the Mayor is authorized to contract with Purdy, Phillips & Robinson to construct a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, in accordance with their proposition, provided the cost does not exceed the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars, subject to the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department and Police.

In conformity with the above action of Councils, on the 5th day of May, 1855, a contract was entered into, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department and Police, with the above named Purdy, Phillips & Robinson, to construct a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, in accordance with their proposition, for the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars. payable in certificates of loan of the City of Philadelphia.

By that contract the City is bound to make the first payment of three thousand dollars, "upon the grant and assignment to the City of the Morse patent and extensions." The said "grant and assignment," in accordance with the provisions, has been made and filed, together with the contract, in the office of the City Solicitor.

I therefore recommend that Councils make provision for the payments, as required by the terms of the contract.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, in relation to the Finances of the City. (*See Appendix, No. 5.*)

Which was read, and, on motion of

Mr. Freeman,

That the communication and accompanying documents be printed for the use of members,

Mr. Biddle

Moved that the usual number of copies be printed, (being two hundred and fifty).

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the

resolution relative to the Visiting Committees of Girard College, with the following amendments :

To add to the end thereof, the words "and six from Select Council."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution, and ask concurrence :

Whereas, A. Shawk, Esq., of Cincinnati, is at present in this City with an improved Steam Fire Engine, the operations of which he is desirous to display to the citizens of this City. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be requested to extend to Mr. Shawk all necessary facilities for a proper display of the powers of his Engine.

Which was read twice and adopted.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be instructed to inquire and report what action of Councils is necessary to protect private travel on the highways at points crossed by the different railroads within the limits of the City.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to require the property holders on Vienna street, between Frankford road and Tulip street, Sepviva street, between Vienna and Hewston streets, and Hewston street, between Sepviva and Tulip streets, to curb and pave the footways along the fronts of their respective properties.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be, and they are hereby directed to furnish the Philadelphia Library Company, James Page Library Company, Moyamensing Literary Institute, Southwark, Spring Garden, West Kensington, and West Philadelphia Library Companies, Mercantile Library Company, Athenæum Law Library, Girard College, and Mechanics' Institute, each one bound copy of the Journals of Councils ; also, one bound copy of the Ordinances of Councils, when published separately.

Which was read twice and not agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Gas, Water, Fire, and Survey Departments, be a commission of inquiry respecting the expediency of steam fire-engines for the use of the City, and that they be requested to report thereon to Councils at an early day, stating the terms on which a suitable engine can be furnished by a competent and responsible contractor, and that the Trustees of the Fire Association be requested to appoint a committee to consult with the foregoing commission.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Winship

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Also, that they have passed the following :

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to direct such attendance of the Police in the Public Squares, as may be necessary to aid the Superintendent in maintaining good order and enforcing the regulations.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Police.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

(Read in place and) presented to the Chair a bill entitled "An ordinance to prevent the washing of foot pavements within certain hours. (*Appendix, No. 6.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out "Highways," and insert "Police."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. M'Cleary

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance approved October 3, 1854, organizing the department for supplying the City with Water. (*Appendix, No. 7*)

Which was read, and

On motion,

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Richard M.

Berry, declining the appointment as one of the Committee on Printing.

Which was read, and

The President appointed Mr. A. F. Hoppel in his stead.

Mr. Willetts

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to ascertain the proportional rate of taxation due by the rural Districts, and to report an ordinance fixing the same.

Which was read twice and adopted.

And the President appointed Messrs. Willetts, Hiram Miller, King, Enos, and Hassinger, as said Committee.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property inquire into the expediency of converting Lemon Hill into a Cemetery for the burial of the dead. The said grounds to be improved thereby, and the lots sold upon applications in the usual way, and the proceeds of said sales to be appropriated towards the payment of the present City debt.

Which was twice read and not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of Common Council be appointed to inquire whether or not, an iron fence could be constructed opposite each street passed by locomotives, to be so constructed as to be raised by a spring at a distance by the advancing locomotive, and fall when it passed, so as to offer no obstacle to the usual street travel, and also to inquire into the propriety of having certain exposed portions of the Norristown and Germantown Railroads enclosed.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was not agreed to.

And on the question of adopting the resolution,

It was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs Gordon, Henry, and Mascher, said Committee.

Mr. Fuller

Moved that we now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 31st, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Knorr,
Baker, A. J ,	Manuel,
Baker, Abraham,	Marsh,
Barton,	Martin,
Bishop,	Mascher,
Borie,	Miller, Andrew,
Bremer,	Miller, Hiram,
Broomall,	Miller, J. Washington,
Brouse,	Moore,
Bockius,	Murphy,
Bumm,	M'Adams,
Chester,	M'Cleary,
Conrad,	M'Mullen,
Craven,	O'Neill,
Davis,	Parham,
Dougherty,	Parker,
Duane,	Patterson,
Dunk,	Peall,
Dyer,	Preston,
Enos,	Ridgway,
Freeman,	Roberts, C. B.,
Fuller,	Roberts, Spencer,
Gay,	Roberts, T. J.,
Gibson,	Sandgran,
Gordon,	Steelling,
Grayson,	Stevenson,
Green,	Taylor,
Hancock,	Treadwell,
Hassinger,	Vanhorn,
Henry,	Vaux,
Hoppel,	Welsh,
Houseman,	Willetts,
Levering,	Winship,
King,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

The Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Journal, when

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further reading of the same be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Called the attention of members to a portion of the Journal, setting forth what were termed reasons of Mr. Penrose, for the manner in which that gentleman had voted, and gave notice that he should enter a protest against the same.

Protest of G. F. Gordon, member from Fifteenth Ward, against the "Reasons" of Mr. C. B. Penrose :

The undersigned freely accords to each member of this Chamber the privilege of entering on the Journal his reasons for voting *pro* or *con*, on any matter pending before the Council, as guaranteed by standard congressional authority ; but, when the Journal of this Chamber is made the media through which attacks are perpetrated on the President and members ; when repeated efforts are made to falsify the Journal, and place erroneous constructions on the proceedings of this body ; when *one* member presumes to dictate what is true, and what false, and spreads that dictation at large on the Journal, in violation of all the rules and courtesies which usually adorn legislative assemblies, then the undersigned feels himself, as he thinks, justly aggrieved, and respectfully protests against so much of the Journal as contains what are called "Reasons presented by Mr. Penrose."

First. Because the Journal shows, that Mr. Ridgway "Moved the reasons of Mr. Penrose be read, which was not agreed to." Thus the Council, in refusing to hear the reasons of Mr. Penrose read, did by its vote refuse to have the said reasons encumber the Journal.

Second. Because the "Reasons" of Mr. Penrose are

not given in vindication or explanation of any vote of his, but, as the said Mr. Penrose alleges in his first paragraph, are "*reasons for a suggestion made by him at a previous meeting.*" If a member claims the privilege to enter on the Journal "*reasons for a suggestion,*" what may not be put on the Journal? The course being pursued by Mr. Penrose is without precedent or parallel in the history of any respectable legislative body in this country.

Third. Because, in the first paragraph of said "Reasons," the reasoner asserts that, "On the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the *adjourned* meeting of the 10th, and of the *stated* meeting of the 12th instants, that the said Journal did not record truly the proceedings which had taken place." Here Mr. Penrose is in palpable error, for the facts are, that the meeting of the 10th, which he asserts was an *adjourned* meeting, was, in fact and truth, a regular *stated* meeting; and the stated meeting, which Mr. Penrose says was held on the 12th, was not held on the 12th at all, *but on the 14th*, and was not, as asserted, a stated meeting, but, as the Journal truthfully records, *an adjourned meeting.*

Fourth. Because the second paragraph of the "Reasons" of Mr. Penrose contains language of insult, which no member has the shadow of right to place upon the Journal, and which no member, with any just regard for his own self-respect, as well as for the dignity of this Chamber, could place on the journal of an American legislative assembly. Mr. Penrose says, in the paragraph alluded to, "The Journal being read, these errors were manifest to the *intelligent* members of the Chamber." Here is a positive charge against a portion of the members, which is as unjust as it is untrue. And never, while I am honored with a seat in this Council, can I consent, by my vote or by silence, to see the Journal falsified and prostituted to such unworthy and cowardly purposes.

Fifth. Because the detailed statement of Mr. Penrose, contained in paragraphs three, four, seven, eight, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, are not true. The whole explanatory statement of Mr. Penrose in relation to the resolution for the appointment of "separate committees," is not only wrongly stated, but clearly betrays the plungings of a legal

mind seeking extrication from a self-made dilemma. The facts are briefly these: The Journal records the proceedings as they took place, and is in every particular a true and correct record. On the 7th, Mr. Penrose presented a resolution in relation to the appointment of separate Committees for this Chamber; which resolution was made the special order for the succeeding meeting, held on the 10th. At this meeting, Mr. Penrose rose in his place and proposed to amend his own resolution offered at a previous meeting, by substituting a batch of resolutions, which was agreed to. The question being on the adoption of the resolutions as an amendment *to*, and in place of, the original resolution, Mr. Hancock moved that the *resolutions* (not the amendments) be considered separately, which was ordered: and the question being on the first resolution, I offered a substitute covering the *whole ground of the resolutions*, and not as stated by Mr. Penrose, as "an amendment to the first clause of his amendments." And this was quite in order, for the whole of Mr. Penrose's resolutions had been read twice, and were all before the Chamber. The motion to consider separately, could not preclude an amendment or substitute superceding in effect all the resolutions, which was the case with my amendment or substitute. *Query—How could eight distinct resolutions be an amendment to ONE resolution?* If it be insisted on, that my amendment applied only to the first resolution of Mr. Penrose, then the question stands thus: A motion was made to strike out all after the word resolved in Mr. Penrose's first resolution, and insert my amendment or substitute, which, on the yeas and nays being called, was *agreed to*. The question recurring on the "*resolution as amended*," the yeas and nays being again ordered, it was not agreed to. So that the words of the resolution under consideration having been stricken out, and other words inserted and agreed to, and then the resolution as thus amended negatived, of course *nothing remained of the resolution*. Hence the correctness and justness of the point of order of the member from the Eighteenth Ward, "that the Chamber having adopted the substitute and afterwards voted the resolution as amended down, there is now nothing before the Chair appertaining to the original subject." And yet Mr. Penrose in his fif-

teenth paragraph of "reasons," treats the Chamber to the following delectable specimen of Napoleonism, viz: "The point of order raised by Mr. Hoppel was not founded in *fact*, as it was not *true* that the house had voted the *resolution* as amended down." Such dictatorial language spread out on the Journal, under the head of "*Reasons*," is doubtless a climax in venerable presumption seldom attained unto in the halls of legislation.

Sixth. Because Mr. Penrose, in his seventeenth paragraph, asserts that "the Journal as it stands is wrong." "And the error is, that in the Journal the clerk has started with the statement, that the motion was to strike out all after the word 'Resolved,' in the resolution, and insert the 'following resolutions,' instead of the 'following amendments,'" &c., &c. Now the truth is, the Journal as it stands is correct, and the record of the clerk is, beyond all question, true to the letter. Mr. Penrose offered the original resolution at the meeting of the 7th. At the following meeting of the 10th he offered, according to his own account, "a series of eight resolutions" as an amendment to his one resolution.

But, again, Mr. Penrose, as the mover of the original resolution, and also the *mover of an amendment to his own resolution*, by that act *accepted* of the amendment. Then it was no longer an amendment, but stood in the place of the *original resolution*! Thus the Journal is vindicated as being right as it now stands, notwithstanding the efforts of Mr. Penrose to falsify the Journal, and thus attempting, by a multitudinous repetition of words ingeniously arranged, to place himself in the right, by a prostitution of the Journal, and at the expense of the dignity of this Chamber, and the higher dignity of *truth*.

Seventh. Because Mr. Penrose, in his twenty-third parallel, attacks the motives of the President of this Chamber; and because the said Mr. Penrose criticises, in a disrespectful manner, the vote of the President on a motion to "appoint a committee," and to "lay on the table." The language held by Mr. Penrose is as follows:—

"The undersigned (Mr. Penrose) considered it quite

extraordinary that the President should have declined, after having said that the statement made was strictly accurate, to perform the duty of correcting the Journal; and he considered it not less *surprising*, that he should have voted against the appointment of the proposed committee, and to lay on the table the motion made to refer the Journal to the President for correction; although the undersigned (Mr. Penrose) is free to admit that there is a perfect consistency in these steps." Now, I do finally, most respectfully, yet earnestly protest against the Journal of this Chamber being used for such discourteous purposes, utterly at variance as they are with all admitted and *authoritative* "Rules of Privilege." Although the "Reasons" themselves will stand before the future, clearly indicating the calibre of the brain of the author of "Reasons," yet, as a member of this chamber, and a representative of an intelligent community, I cannot consent that the Journal be made the channel through which may flow the evidences of any member's self-important impracticableness. It cannot be that there is a single member of the "administration" willing that the Journal shall bear upon its pages the mental contortions of any member. Nay, more, it cannot be that there is a single member of the "opposition" (who are just as intelligent and respectable citizens and representatives as the "administration") willing that the Journal shall be thus used.

GEORGE F. GORDON.

Mr. Henry,

Chairman of the Committee on the Contested Election of the Third Ward, presented the following report:

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the Third Ward, contesting the seat of Andrew Miller, as a member of this Council, respectfully report,

That having heard the evidence and arguments presented by the contestant and the sitting member, they have determined that Andrew Miller has been elected and returned a member of Common Council from the Third Ward,

and is hereby declared entitled to his seat as such member in this Council.

ALEXANDER HENRY,
Chairman.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
THOS. DAVIS,
LEWIS BREMER,
D. C. ENOS,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
C. S. DUNK.

Committee Room, May 25, 1855.

Which was read and accepted, and

The President

Declared Mr. Andrew Miller entitled to his seat.

Messrs. Treadwell, Hoppel, Freeman, Gibson, Enos, Houseman, Abm. Baker, Chester, Bishop, Manuel, Steelling, Gordon, Broomall, presented numerous petitions from citizens, remonstrating against the passage of an ordinance for the reduction of the police force.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hassinger

Presented a petition from citizens of that portion of the unincorporated Northern Liberties known as Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of Philadelphia, asking that, in the apportionment of the City into districts, they may be rated or styled a rural district.

Which was read, and referred to the Special Committee on the Rural Districts.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from Jane Miller, asking Councils to reconsider the resolution relative to sheds at the end of the markets at Second and Franklin streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also,

A petition from sundry citizens, owners of hackney

carriages, asking the repeal of the eighth section of an "Ordinance relating to Hackney Carriages."

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Marsh

Presented petitions from Charles Taylor, and other owners and occupants of property on Fifteenth street, formerly Schuylkill Eighth street, and running north from Race to Rittenhouse street, asking the construction of a culvert on said street, and offering to loan the City the sum of five hundred dollars, taking scrip at par value for the same, if said culvert be constructed without delay.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents on Second street, between Coates and Vine streets, complaining of great injustice done to them as citizens by persons standing their wagons in front of their premises, and selling provisions not the produce of their farms, to the great injury of their business, and asking that measures will be resorted to, to prevent them from occupying the highway, contrary to law.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Grayson

Presented a memorial from W. C. Bridges, on the subject of damages sustained by him, by reason of the removal of \$125,000 special deposit from the Girard Bank, contrary to the contract with the County Commissioners, with the accompanying documents.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a petition from Charles S. Pancoast, attorney

for R. & S. H. Jones, relative to a claim for iron pipe furnished the late District of Moyamensing.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bremer

Presented a communication from John Myers, enclosing proposals for cleansing the streets, collecting the garbage, and cleansing the inlets in the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Wards of the City.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Wyoming street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Sandgran

Presented a petition from owners of property on Franklin street, between Fourth and Ninth streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Stevenson

Presented a communication from John Galbraith, enclosing proposals for cleansing the streets, taking up the coal ashes, and cleaning out the inlets of the Eleventh Ward of the City.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from citizens, asking the construction of a bridge over the Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, as provided for by the recent "Supplement to the Consolidation Act."

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from Robert E. Shultz and M. E. Afflick, Inspectors of Buildings, asking Councils to furnish

them with a room in one of the public buildings for an office to transact their business.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Gay

Presented a petition from laborers on the highways of the Seventeenth Ward, complaining of being discharged from labor, and asking to be paid the balance of wages due them.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from the Marion Hose Company, asking that the appropriation due them may be passed.

Also,

A petition from the Vigilant Hose Company, asking a loan of "five hundred dollars," (to be deducted from the annual appropriation).

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Broad street, between Girard and Columbia Avenues, asking that the gas pipes may be laid on said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Duane

Presented a memorial from Clement C. Biddle, Edward C. Dale and A. J. Pleasonton, trustees under the will of Joseph Dugan, deceased, requesting Councils to enact the necessary ordinance by which they may receive the sum of \$2,745³⁹/₁₀₀, together with interest thereon, for damages awarded them by the extension of Ashton street across their lot to Gray's Ferry Road.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Steelling

Presented a petition from owners of property on Front street, near Harrison and Montgomery streets, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

The President

Presented a communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., City Solicitor, in reply to a resolution of this Council, of the 24th inst., asking for information as to the amount and character of the debts due the City within the knowledge and control of his department.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a communication from the Managers of the "Northern Home for Friendless Children," extending an invitation to the members of this Chamber to attend a Floral Fair, to be held during next week, at Concert Hall, Chestnut street, above Twelfth.

Which was read and accepted.

The President

Presented a communication from Richard Vaux, asking an appropriation for the Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary for the year 1854.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from Edward D. Yates, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, notifying Council of the resignation of Samuel Ewing, Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Fire District, and returning the names of Thomas H. Marston, Francis Reilly, J. C. Randolph and Benjamin Wharton, as those having received the highest

number of votes at an election held 28th May, 1855, for Councils to elect therefrom.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also, the following communication :

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, held on Monday evening the 28th of May, 1855, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and the secretary directed to forward a copy thereof to your honorable bodies.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Council be requested to make the appropriation to the companies accepting the ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department due them for the year 1854, and also the appropriation of \$400 for the year 1855.

Which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD D. YATES,
*Secretary of the Board of Directors
of the Fire Department.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from Wm. D. Newell, Commissioner of Markets, in answer to a resolution of the 24th instant.

Which was read and referred to the Committees on Markets and Finance.

Also,

A communication from James A. Lloyd, offering himself as a candidate for a situation in the Gas Department.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A petition from William Pepper, asking Councils to take such action as may relieve the parties aggrieved, in the

correction of an error for interest occurring from a note given by the late District of Moyamensing.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the Common Council:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution with bill annexed, and ask the adoption of the resolution.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

W. C. PATTERSON,
J. F. KNORR,
JOHN WELSH,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the Ordinance presented to Common Council on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1855, being a stated meeting of Councils, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt, in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the fire alarm and police telegraph." And the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Hancock

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed for four weeks.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs Borie, Bockius, Dougherty, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bishop, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Grayson, Green, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willets, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 18 ; nays 49.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm.

And being ordered were as follows, to wit :

YEAS—Messrs. Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker, (A. J.), Barton, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway,

Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 40.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

The ordinance was then read. (*See Appendix, No. 7.*)

Mr. Manuel,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas, presented the following report :

The Committee on Gas having carefully examined the condition and prospects of the Gas Works, especially with reference to the obligations imposed on the Trustees by the late ordinance for regulating the department of Gas, find that in order to enable the Trustees fully and economically to carry out the provisions of that ordinance, and to secure the benefits therein contemplated to the citizens at large, it is indispensably necessary that additional means should be provided for those purposes.

It is not deemed practicable to carry on the operations economically on long credits, for although supplies of coals, iron castings, lumber, bricks and some other articles, may by paying high prices, be obtained on credit of moderate duration, yet the monthly disbursements for labor, freights and other cash items, are of such an amount as to need the control at all times of sufficient means, and it may be observed here that true economy and justice to the customers of the establishment demand that all the dealings of the trust should be for cash.

As the citizens in many portions of the enlarged City not yet supplied with pipes are desirous of using gas, and as it cannot be furnished to them in any other way than at the expense of the applicants, unless means be authorized by Councils for the purpose, they are of the opinion that there ought to be immediately furnished for the use of the Trustees, for the completion of the works, for the laying of mains and service pipes, for the purchase of meters, and also for

carrying on their current operations, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, the interest on which, as well as the principal, to be repaid by the Trustees out of the profits of the works.

It is understood not to be the design of the Trustees to use this authority any faster than it can be advantageously and justly employed.

We find they are desirous of avoiding as much as possible any increase of their interest account.

The Committee respectfully report to Councils the annexed ordinance for their approval.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
M. H. TREADWELL,
A. G. WATERMAN,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
I. N. MARSELIS,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
T. J. PERKINS,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and directed to publish, in two daily newspapers of this City, daily, for four weeks, the ordinance presented to Common Council on this thirty-first day of May, 1855, being a stated day for the meeting of Councils, "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works;" and that the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next, after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to the Council one of each of the said newspapers, for every day in which the same shall have been made.

Which was read twice and considered.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 34; nays 26.

It was agreed to.

The ordinance was then read. (*See Appendix, No. 8.*)

Also, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas Works report the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for certain expenses connected with the lighting of the City," and ask its adoption.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
W. H. STOKES,
M. H. TREADWELL,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
T. J. PERKINS,
A. G. WATERMAN,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
I. N. MARSELIS.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Which report was read and accepted.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The Committee on Gas Works, to whom had been referred the following communications, &c., made the following report :

The bills from E. W. Shippen & Co., Belmont, to be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Applications to place lamps in the Third and Twenty-second Wards, to be referred to the Committee on Police.

Which were so referred.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a petition of citizens asking that the streets of a portion of the City may be cleansed by the machines recently introduced by Messrs. Smith, Sickel & Co.,

Report that the Highway Department has had the subject under consideration, with a desire of recommending the same to Councils, and with a view to that purpose a communication was addressed to Messrs. Smith, Sickel & Co., on the 25th April, by the Chief Commissioner, asking a proposal for the cleansing of certain Wards ; the answer of the same is herewith annexed, which is submitted for the consideration of Councils.

Your Committee deem it inexpedient to recommend a contract at the price named, and submit resolutions annexed, providing for dividing the City into Districts, and asking for

proposals by public advertisement, for cleansing the same by contract.

Respectfully submitted.

(See Appendix No. 9 for communication of Smith, Sickel & Co.)

JAMES M. GIBSON,

Chairman.

THOMAS J. ROBERTS,

W. H. STOKES,

D. C. ENOS,

GEO. A. BINDER,

O. P. CORNMAN,

W. B. R. SELBY,

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Which was read and accepted.

Resolved, That for the purpose of public cleansing, the City shall be divided into the following districts:

No. 1. The paved streets used for cartways in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards.

No. 2. The same description of streets in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards.

No. 3. The same description of streets in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards.

No. 4. The same description of streets in the Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

No. 5. The same description of streets in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized to advertise in three daily newspapers for the space of two weeks, that proposals will be received for contracting to cleanse the said Districts (except No. 2,) separately for one year.

Resolved, That all proposals received by the Department, shall be submitted to the Committee on Highways for

their inspection, and the action of the Board shall be reported to Councils for their approval.

Which were read.

And the first resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend to strike out "Wards" and insert "Districts."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

The second resolution being under consideration, and on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out "three" where it occurs between "in" and "daily" and insert "two."

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend the amendment, by inserting the words "tri-weekly" between the words "newspapers" and "for," where they occur in said resolution.

Which amendment to the amendment was accepted.

The amendment was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

The third and last resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report annexed a supple-

ment to the ordinance providing for the granting of building permits, reducing the prices to be paid for the same, which they recommend Councils to pass.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
W. H. STOKES,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
D. C. ENOS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
W. B. R. SELBY,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Which was read and accepted.

A supplement to an ordinance approved the 3d day of May, 1855, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the granting of building permits."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a bill annexed, providing for the payment in bonds of the balance due Wm. A. Banes, for constructing a culvert in Kensington, under contract made by that District on the 31st January, 1854.

The culvert has been completed and in use for some months, and the bonds are provided for by ordinance approved January 30th, 1855.

The Committee recommend that the bill be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIESON,
W. H. STOKES,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
D. C. ENOS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
W. B. R. SELLEY,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Which was read and accepted.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay a certain claim therein mentioned for work performed by virtue of a certain contract.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Grayson,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent the washing of foot pavements within certain hours," have had the same

under consideration, which they have agreed to, and ask its adoption by Councils.

T. J. PERKINS,
T. W. HIGGINS,
JOHN M^cWHORTER,
ABM. BAKER,
LEWIS BREMER,
A. W. GREEN,
FREDERICK W. GRAYSON.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Which was read and accepted.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr Hoppel

Moved to amend the same, by inserting "to extend from the south side of Vine street to the north side of South street."

Mr. Chester

Moved further to amend, to include "second and third story windows."

The question being on the motion to amend,

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed to this day two weeks.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, to strike out "this day two weeks."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on Mr. Patterson's motion,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Bishop,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves, beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution, and ask its adoption.

S. S. BISHOP,

Chairman.

JOSEPH L. CHESTER,
SAML. C. WILLETTS,
WM. M. BAIRD,
T. J. PERKINS,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE,
JNO. WELSH,
A. B. ASHTON,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
NATHAN HILLES.

Which was read and accepted.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be authorized to have the dock at the end of Christian street wharf cleansed, providing the cost does not exceed four hundred dollars.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire De-

partment beg leave to offer the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

O. H. P. PARKER,
W. S. WINSHIP,
J. W. MILLER,
JAMES M. GILSON,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JOHN WELSH,
JOHN McWHORTER,
JOHN K. KNORR,
NATHAN HILLES,
W. B. SMALL.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

Which was read.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the further consideration of the Ordinance be postponed for one week.

Mr. Winship

Moved to refer the Ordinance back to the Committee, to make a more full report.

Which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims, presented a report relative to an Ordinance entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers,

and Cleansing the City, to pay upon the terms herein mentioned for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract, approved May 10, 1855.' ”

Which was read and accepted.

Also,

That the bill of Charles S. Peall, as Clerk of the late District of Richmond, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That the bill of Eli B. Hughes, for hauling (in late District of Kensington) be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain whether the contract for the erection of a police telegraph cannot be rescinded by the contractors.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word “Resolved” and insert the following :

That a Committee of three be appointed by this Council, to inquire of the contractors for the construction of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph upon what terms they will relinquish said contract, and report at their earliest convenience.

Which was accepted.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. O'Neill, Gordon and Gibson on said Committee.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor is hereby directed to

inform Common Council, at its next stated meeting, of the amount due to the City of Philadelphia from the Tax Collectors of the various Wards and Townships of the City and County of Philadelphia, for county, road, poor, corporation, and all other taxes for the year 1853, and previous years, giving the amount of each tax due by each collector, together with his name and sureties.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be instructed not to permit the opening, grading, curbing, pitching, or paving of any street or highway, or the construction of any culvert, unless specially authorized so to do by the Select and Common Council.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Peall

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is essentially necessary that the books and papers of the late municipalities, now forming the consolidated City, be carefully preserved for future reference, &c. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be directed to send all the books, deeds, papers, &c., belonging to the late districts, now in his possession, to the office of the Clerks of Councils.

The resolution was twice read and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Offered in place the following :

“ A Supplement to an ordinance approved May 3d, entitled ‘ An Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for

the payment of the expense thereof.” (See *Appendix*, No. 10.)

Which was read, and

Section first being under consideration, on motion of

Mr. Freeman,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Freeman

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be instructed to report an ordinance prohibiting the forming of trains of carts, drays, or other vehicles of burden, in the highways of the City, and providing that there shall be at least fifteen feet distance between each of such vehicles.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, be requested and required to report to this Chamber, what work within his department has been authorized or contracted for, and how much money has been expended on each piece of such work, so authorized or contracted for, up to this time, and how much will be required to be expended on such unfinished work, in each and every month, for the residue of the current fiscal year, and by what authority it was undertaken or contracted for.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be requested and directed to furnish to this Chamber a schedule of all the property now held by the City, not required for corporation purposes.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor recommend to the Police stationed along the wharves, the necessity of abating the usual habit of small boys resorting thereto, for fishing, bathing, swimming, &c. Such a course is greatly desired by a number of our citizens, while the lives of many children would be saved from an untimely death.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. McCreary

Moved that the resolution lie on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be, and they are hereby directed to inquire into the expediency of having a culvert constructed from the north side of Front street (on Brown street) to connect with the Cohocksink creek at Oak street.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof, "and Moore street, from Ninth street to Water street."

Which amendment was accepted.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Winship,

(On leave granted) presented the resignation of Saml. Ewing, as Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Fire District.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Gay

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appoint-

ed, who shall have the supervision of the publishing, printing, binding and stationery required by this branch of Councils.

Which was read and under consideration, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to strike out "That a special committee of five be appointed," and substitute "the Clerk."

Mr. Grayson

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr Patterson

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the Committee on Claims was accepted.

Which was agreed to, and on motion of

Mr. Patterson

That the report be recommitted to the Committee,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 7th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hassinger,
Henry,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,

Messrs. Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Moore,
Murphy,
M'Adams,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President.*

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Bumm, Enos, Gibson, and King presented numerous petitions from citizens, remonstrating against any reduction of the police force.

Messrs. Mascher, O'Neill, Stevenson, Murphy, Bremer, Gay, Taylor, Barton and Borie presented numerous petitions of citizens, asking a reduction of the present police force of the City.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Dunk

Presented a memorial from citizens of the First Ward, relative to the establishment of a wharf line on the river front, below the Navy Yard, and asking that Wharf street may be bulked and graded.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves.

Messrs. Mascher and Bremer presented petitions from citizens of the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, remonstrating against the high price which they are compelled to pay per thousand cubic feet of gas, and asking to be placed upon an equality with the most favored consumers of the same.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a communication from John Daly, stating that his name had been obtained surreptitiously to a petition in favor of a continuance of the present police force.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Sylbert street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Parker

Presented a petition from Farmers, Butchers, and Victuallers occupying stalls in the High street Market, protesting against any change in the Ordinance organizing the Department of Markets.

Which was read, and referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from residents east of the Schuylkill river, asking for the early building of the bridge at Chestnut street, across the said river.

Mr. Gay

Presented a communication from Benjamin Seltzer, calling the attention of Councils to the condition of his property on the Cohocksink creek.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented a petition from renters of stalls and stands in the Washington and Wharton Markets, remonstrating against any change in the office of Department of Markets.

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Also,

A communication from W. W. Frazier, and Nalbro' Frazier, Administrators of the Estate of B. W. Frazier,

dec'd, asking that a culvert or other outlet may be constructed in the vicinity of Montgomery and Seventh streets.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from John Lindsay, City Treasurer, in answer to a resolution passed by this Council, May 24th, 1855.

Also,

A communication from John Diehl, Commissioner of City Property, in reply to a resolution of this Council of the 24th May, with accompanying documents.

Also,

A communication from James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, in reply to a resolution of this Council of the 24th of May.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following :

HEALTH OFFICE, }
June 5, 1855. }

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, it was

Resolved, That the attention of City Councils be called to the condition of the inlets, or the common sewers or culverts, with the request to direct that periodical application of 50 lbs. chloride lime shall be made every two weeks during the warm weather.

Extract from the minutes.

SAMUEL P. MARKS,
Clerk.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Announced the following as the Committees on Visitation of Girard College, for 1855-56:

May.—Messrs. Preston (*Chairman*), A. J. Baker, Brouse, King, Chester, and Willetts.

June.—Messrs. Biddle, Stevenson, J. W. Miller, Treadwell, Grayson, Broomall and Borie.

July.—Messrs. Bumm (*Chairman*), Hand, Conrad, Dougherty, Gordon, Peall and Barton.

August.—Messrs. Houseman, Bockius, Winship, Reed, O'Neill, Fuller and Vaux.

September.—Messrs. Binder (*Chairman*), Craven, H. Miller, Hassinger, Sandgran, Davis and M'Adams.

October.—Messrs. Patterson, Parker, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Dyer and Marsh.

November.—Messrs. Henry (*Chairman*), Hoppel, Green, Gibson, Berry and Baird.

December.—Messrs. Bishop, Hancock, Bremer, Bilyeu, Knorr, Levering.

January.—Messrs. Steelling (*Chairman*), Taylor, Welsh, Dunk, Ridgway, and C. B. Roberts.

February.—Messrs. Enos, Freeman, Gay, Mascher, A. Miller, Martin.

March.—Messrs. Parham (*Chairman*), Davenport, Butler, Manuel, Murphy, T. J. Roberts.

April.—Messrs. Penrose, Duane, Spencer Roberts, Moore, A. Baker, Vanhorn.

Also,

That he had made the following changes in the Standing Committees:

Geo. F. Gordon, Chairman of Committee on Markets, in place of Robert Newell.

Charles Vanhorn, Committee of Law, in place of Geo. F. Gordon.

Lewis R. Broomall, Committee on City Property, in place of Robert Newell.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of going into a nomination and election of Directors of Girard College.

Which was agreed to, when

Mr. Manuel nominated James J. Boswell.

Mr. Davis “ John Whiteman.

Mr. Gibson “ John W. Ryan.

Mr. Patterson “ Samuel H. Perkins.

Mr. Borie “ Henry D. Gilpin.

Mr. Hassinger “ William Vogdes.

On motion,

Council proceeded to an election of the same.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), McMullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

38 voted for James J. Boswell.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), McMullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

33 voted for John W. Ryan.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew),

Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M^cAdams, M^cCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

30 voted for Samuel H. Perkins.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Borie, Brouse, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M^cAdams, M^cCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

22 voted for Henry D. Gilpin.

Messrs. A. J. Baker, Bremer, Hassinger, Mascher, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Taylor.

7 voted for William Vogdes.

The Clerk reported 65 votes were cast, to wit:

James J. Boswell, 38 votes.

John W. Ryan, 33 votes.

Samuel H. Perkins, 30 votes.

Henry D. Gilpin, 22 votes.

William Vogdes, 7 votes.

James J. Beswell and John W. Ryan having received a majority of all the votes cast were declared elected Directors of the Girard College for the term of four years.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to proceed to a nomination and election of Trustees of the City Ice Boat, in place of William Cummings, whose term of office has expired.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bishop nominated Edward C. Knight,

Mr. M^cCleary " Andrew J. Wester.

On motion,

Council proceeded to an election, when

Messrs. Baird, Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broom-

all, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, King, Mannel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), McMullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

37 voted for E. C. Knight.

Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McAdams, McCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

28 voted for A. J. Wester.

The Clerk reported 65 votes were cast.

E. C. Knight having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected a Trustee of the City Ice Boat for the term of three years.

Mr. Reed

Presented a petition from David Sankey, Treasurer of the North Western Railroad Company, asking Councils to pass an Ordinance for the issuing of City bonds for the payment of the fourth instalment to the stock of said Company.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented a communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, City Solicitor, in reply to a resolution of this Council of the 31st instant:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 7th, 1855. }

To the Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Your resolution of the 31st ult., calling for information as to the amount of taxes due by the late

collectors, their names and sureties, was duly received at this office. Notwithstanding every exertion has been made to procure the desired information from the various departments, I have been unable to comply with your request to answer at the "next stated meeting;" but will communicate at the earliest day as full a report as it is possible to make upon the subject.

I remain yours, respectfully,

I. HAZLEHURST.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented a bill from James M. Jackson, Clerk of the Orphans' Court, for fees of office.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report a resolution directing notice to be given for the opening of Vienna street, from Queen to West street; and Twentieth street, from South to Federal street; and Franklin street from Sixth to Seventh, and from Jefferson Avenue to Front street, in accordance with the provisions of the Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, June 7, 1855.

A resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Vienna street, Twentieth street, and Franklin street.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to give notice forthwith to the owners of the ground through and over which Vienna street, from Queen to West street, is laid out on the plan of the late District of Kensington, and to the owners of the ground through and over which Twentieth street, from South to Federal street, is laid out on the plan of the late Township of Passyunk, and the owners of the ground through which Franklin street from Sixth to Seventh streets, and from Jefferson avenue to Front street, on the plan of the late District of Southwark, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils will order the said streets, within the said limits, to be opened for public use, as they are authorized to do by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855, a supplement to the act consolidating the City of Philadelphia.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr McCleary

Moved to amend, to strike out "West street" and insert "Frankford Road."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a petition asking that Franklin avenue, from Third to Apple streets, be paved of its full width; also, a remonstrance against the same, asking that the centre space in each square may be set apart and curbed,

Report, That after full consideration of the subject, and a conference with the party presenting the petition for

paving the whole width, they would recommend that spaces twenty feet in width be left in each square, to be curbed in, and planted with shade trees, to form a promenade or walk.

The Committee further recommend, that a culvert be constructed at Fourth street, from the south, to the north side of Franklin street, a distance of about seventy feet; the construction of the same would remove two bad gutters, and relieve the south side of the street from being overflowed during heavy rains.

Annexed are two resolutions, which the Committee recommend Councils to pass.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
Chairman.

B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, June 7th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to pave Franklin Avenue, from Third to Apple street, leaving spaces of twenty feet in width in the centre of said street to be curbed and planted with shade trees.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to cause a culvert to be constructed in Fourth street, from the south to the north side of Franklin Avenue, with two inlets to the same.

Which were read, and

The first resolution being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend to strike out "and planted with shade trees."

Which amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend by adding the following :

“ Provided, however, that before any such paving as aforesaid be done opposite to any lot, the owner thereof shall pay to the Chief Commissioner of Highways the full amount of the cost of such paving, which the said Commissioner shall in such case expend thereon.

“ And provided also, that no corporation money shall be expended at the intersection of said streets or otherwise until the said Chief Commissioner and the Chief Engineer shall have made and reported to the Common Council an estimate of the cost thereof, and the same shall have been authorized by ordinance passed for that purpose.”

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the amendment by adding the following :

Provided, that the Commissioner of Highways shall allot the said paving to the paver who has procured the signatures of the owners of property, taking proper security for the faithful performance of the work, and shall require that the said paver shall collect the claims for paving from the owners of property fronting on said street, without the City corporation being any way liable therefor.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and M'Cleary.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Dougherty, Martin, Penrose.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Daven-

port, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 4; nays 60.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Peall, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bockius, Patterson, Preston, Stevenson, Treadwell.

Yeas 55; nays 5.

Which was agreed to.

The second resolution was twice read, and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a bill supplementary to the Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
GEORGE A. BINDER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
P. A. KEYSER,
W. H. STOKES,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, June 7, 1855.

“A Supplement to an Ordinance approved May 3, 1855, entitled, an Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expenses thereof.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend to insert between the words “when-ever” and “the,” where they occur, “a majority of.”

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until next Thursday.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,
It was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved further to amend by adding at the end of the section the following proviso :

“ Provided, that the Commissioner of Highways shall allot all such paving to the paver who has procured the signatures of the owners of property, taking proper security for the faithful performance of the work, and shall require that the said paver shall collect the claims for paving, from the owners of property fronting on said street, without the City corporation being any way liable therefor.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to still further amend the section by inserting between the words “ graded ” and “ are ” where they occur, the words “ and on which the water pipes have been laid.”

Which was also agreed to.

The question now being on the section as amended,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend to strike out the word “ on,” in the last amendment, and insert “ through ” in lieu thereof.

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to amend the proviso by striking out the word “ paver,” where it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof, “ any person or contractor.”

Which was also agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the same be

postponed, and the Ordinance be recommitted to the Committee on Highways.

Which was agreed to,

And the Ordinance was so referred.

Also, the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report herewith an Ordinance to provide for the construction of vaults under foot pavements, and fixing the charge therefor.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

O. P. CORNMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, June 5, 1855.

“An Ordinance to regulate the construction of vaults under the streets, and to provide for the enforcement of useful regulations during the time of such construction.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

Mr. Steelling

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the motion, “and that it be printed for the use of the members.”

Which was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations, presented the following bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys," and

Moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to offer the accompanying resolutions, and ask their adoption.

SPENCER ROBERTS,
Chairman.

J. L. HUTCHINSON,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
P. M. HAGNER,
SAMUEL C. WILLETTS,
WM. CONRAD,
C. S. DUNK.

Committee Room, June 7, 1855.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be directed to have replaced all corner stones and land-marks that may have been destroyed or removed within the limits of the Second Survey District, so far as the plan of the said District has been confirmed.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized and directed to have such records of plans, and register of surveys, that may be contained in the offices of Surveyors under the old arrangement of Districts, copied, that the Surveyors and Regulators may be in possession of the necessary information to prosecute with accuracy the surveys and regulations, within the limits of their respective districts.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized to direct a revision of the grades of so much of the Twenty-second Ward as is enclosed within the limits of the

late borough of Germantown, and to fix stones and landmarks for the present confirmed regulation of plan, and of such streets and avenues as may have been laid out and accepted by the City since the confirmation of such plan.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed, that in all cases of opening or grading streets or avenues, they shall conform to the grades and widths established, and which shall be furnished under the direction of the department of Surveys.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions, when

The first resolution was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

To which Select Council concurred.

The third resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Treadwell

Moved, that the further consideration thereof, be postponed until next meeting of Council.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Green,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the ordinance entitled " A Supplement to an ordinance entitled ' An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay upon the terms herein mentioned for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract, approved May 10, 1855, ' " have had the same under consideration, and report negative on the bill, but recommend the claim of George Kelley to the Committee on Highways, &c., to report a bill to pay him the amount of his claim.

We have also had the bill of Charles S. Peall, Clerk of

the late District of Richmond, for \$171.08, under consideration, which we find correct, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance for payment.

A. W. GREEN,
Chairman.

W. B. R. SELBY,
T. J. PERKINS,
T. W. HIGGINS,
GEO. M. SANDGRAN,
THOS. MARSH,
W. LEVERING.

Committee Room, June 7, 1855.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to offer the following ordinance, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

O. H. PARKER,
W. S. WINSHIP,
J. W. MILLER,
JAMES M. GILSON,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JOHN WELSH,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
JOHN K. KNORR,
NATHAN HILLES,
WM. B. SMALL.

Committee Room, May 31, 1855.

An ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

The following report relative to the steam fire engine.
(*See Appendix, No. 11.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner on City Property, under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, be, and he is hereby authorized to lease for a term of one or more years, not exceeding five, the Public Hall in Third street, below Green, (known as the Commissioners' Hall of the Northern Liberties,) to the Commissioners of the Consolidation Bank, or any other responsible parties, at an annual rent of nine hundred dollars, payable quarterly, and subject to such reservations as may be agreed upon between the parties.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Binder

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended

for the purpose of taking up an ordinance from Select Council, providing for a survey of the Delaware front.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for a survey of the Delaware front, in accordance with the act of Consolidation, section twenty-eighth."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Martin

Moved to amend the same by adding, "That the Chief Surveyor and Engineer be ordered to finish and report to Councils the result of his survey, within six months from the passage of this ordinance, and in order to enable him to do the same within the time specified, he is hereby authorized to appoint an assistant until the work is finished, and no longer.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the amendment to strike out the "proviso" and insert the "amendment."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martin and Dougherty.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Dougherty, Dunk, Fuller, Gay, Martin, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Enos, Gibson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore,

McCleary, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn.

Yeas 23 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Martin,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the section by adding the following :
“and further provided that the said survey shall be completed within six months from the passage of this ordinance.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 7, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have this day approved and signed the following ordinances and resolutions, viz. :

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay a certain claim therein mentioned for work performed by virtue of a certain contract.”

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for certain expenses connected with the lighting of the City.”

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to regulate and fix the width of the cartways in certain streets.”

“ A resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Wallace street, in the Fifteenth Ward.”

“ Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils at the City of Philadelphia, the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Steelling

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The common practice of running trains of cars over the City Railroad is an unmitigated nuisance, greatly interfering with the legitimate business and travel of a large number of our citizens, and not unfrequently leading to breaches of the peace ; therefore,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that it be deemed unlawful for any person or persons to run, or cause to be run, any cars over any part of said City Railroad, between Eighth and Market streets and Dock street Wharf, with less than sixty feet of clear space between each and every car, and such person or persons found violating the provisions herein contained, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five dollars, for the use of the City, to be collected as debts or penalties of like amount are by law sued for and recovered.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Duane

Moved to amend, to strike out all after “ resolved ” and insert the following :

That the Committee on Railroads be requested to consider the propriety of reporting an ordinance limiting the number of cars to be drawn in any single train upon the City Railroad, between the intersection of Walnut and Dock streets, and the intersection of Broad and Market streets.

The question being upon the amendment,
Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed until our next meeting.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 14th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J.,

Baker, Abraham,

Barton,

Biddle,

Binder,

Bilyeu,

Bishop,

Borie,

Bremer,

Broomall,

Brouse,

Bumm,

Chester,

Conrad,

Craven,

Davenport,

Davis,

Dougherty,

Duane,

Dunk,

Dyer,

Enos,

Freeman,

Fuller,

Gay,

Gibson,

Gordon,

Grayson,

Green,

Hancock,

Hand,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Houseman,

Messrs. Levering,

King,

Knorr,

Manuel,

Marsh,

Martin,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Miller, Hiram,

Miller, J. Washington,

Moore,

Murphy,

M'Cleary,

M'Mullen,

O'Neill,

Parham,

Parker,

Patterson,

Peall,

Penrose,

Preston,

Ridgway,

Roberts, C. B.,

Roberts, T. J.,

Sandgran,

Steelling,

Stevenson,

Taylor,

Vaux,

Vanhorn,

Welsh,

Willetts,

Winship,

Hacker, *President*.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a petition from owners of property on Water street, from Race to Vine streets, asking the re-paving of the same at an early day.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that, in order to save time, no communication or petition be hereafter read, unless the member presenting, or any other member, may desire it to be done.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Presented a petition from members of the Philadelphia Hose Company, one of the accepting fire companies, asking for such alteration or repeal of the provisions of the ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department as debarbs the Fire Department from electing their Chief Engineer, as interferes with the local arrangement of each company in reference to its members, and requiring returns of company affairs under oath.

Mr. Baird

Presented one of like import from the Southwark Hose Company.

Mr. Welsh

One of like import from the Vigilant Hose Company.

Mr. J. W. Miller

One of like import from the Friendship Engine Company.

Mr. T. Davis

Two of like import from the America Hose and Columbia Engine Companies.

Mr. Preston

One of like import from the Pennsylvania Hose Company.

Mr. A. J. Baker

One of like import from the Hope Engine Company.

One of which being read, they were severally referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Messrs. Peall, M'Cleary, A. J. Baker, Vanhorn, Mascher, Duane,

Presented numerous petitions from citizens of various Wards of the City, asking a reduction of the present police force.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented a petition from residents on Blair street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded as soon as possible.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Green

Presented a petition from citizens of the Eighteenth Ward, remonstrating against any reduction in the present police force.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hancock

Presented a memorial from the "Kingsessing and Tini-

cum Meadow Company," in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking a reduction of the tax on certain meadow property in said Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Clinton street, between Girard and Thompson streets, asking that the same may be paved as soon as practicable.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A petition from owners of property on Clinton street, between Girard and Thompson streets, asking that the pipes of conduit for the introduction of the Schuylkill water, may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a petition from the owners of property in the vicinity of Wood and Queen streets, Eighteenth Ward, asking for the construction of a culvert for the draining of the water flowing along those streets.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from owners of property on Levering street, in the Twenty-first Ward, asking that the repairs and improvements on said street may be completed.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Thirty-second street, asking a change of the lines of said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A petition from citizens, remonstrating against any reduction in the present police force.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A petition from Enoch Thorn, asking Councils to introduce his improvement for ventilating sewers, into the sewers of the City generally, and asking compensation for those already in successful operation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A petition from property owners fronting on Shippen street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, asking that gas pipes may be laid on said street, as soon as convenient.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Peall

Presented a petition from owners of property on Somerset street, between Richmond street and Gunner's Run Canal, asking that said street may be paved as soon as practicable.

Also,

A remonstrance against the same.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

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Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented a petition from the members of the Diligent Fire Engine Company, asking for such repeal of the provisions of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, as debars the Fire Department from electing their Chief Engineer, as interferes with the local arrangements of each Company, in reference to its members, and requiring returns

of Company affairs under oath, and that so much of any now existing ordinance as provides pay or compensation to the Assistant Engineers be repealed.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hassinger

Presented a communication from citizens and property holders of the late Borough of Bridesburg, stating that a petition had been presented to Councils from said place, for the purpose of having the said District included as a rural one, and that many had signed the same, under an erroneous impression, and that whatever changes may take place as far as the consideration of the rural districts are concerned, that they are desirous of retaining their Night Police, and desire the same may be continued.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on the Rural Districts.

Mr. Martin

Presented a petition from the citizens of the Tenth Division of the Fourth Ward, asking for a change in the place of voting from the present place to the house of William Whitesides, at the corner of Broad and Rose streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property in the vicinity of Race, Chester and Eighth streets, asking the construction of culvert on said streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Freeman

Presented sundry bills from the Northern Liberties Gas Company, for gas consumed by the public lamps in the late Districts of the Northern Liberties, Kensington and Richmond.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from owners of property on Cadwalader, south of Columbia street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded to the regulation last made.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Messrs. Knorr and Enos

Presented petitions from citizens, asking the construction of a bridge over the Schuylkill river, at Chestnut street, as provided for by the recent supplement to the Consolidation Act.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a petition from Lawrence Doyle, asking Councils to appoint him to the situation of watchman, or weigher of coal, or receiver of tickets for coke at the Gas Works, having been rendered totally unfit for any heavy business, in consequence of an accident he met with at the construction of the Gasometer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

The President

Presented a petition from Messrs. Caleb S. Wright and Charles W. Bender, asking that Councils will lease them the landing at Ford's lane, on the Schuylkill, in the Twenty-first Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c., without reading.

Also,

A communication from F. Knox Morton, the City Treasurer elect, submitting the names of Charles R. Danenhower, Abel Lukens and John L. Vantine, as his securities.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the Solicitor.

Also,

A communication from Isaac Edge, Sr., Pyrotechnist, of Jersey City, offering his services to supply this government with fire-works on the approaching anniversary of Independence.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from George Sturges, Secretary to the Board of Surveyors:

PHILADELPHIA, June 14, 1855.

Wm. P. Hacker, Esq., President of Common Council:

SIR:—I am directed to forward you the following:

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Surveyors and Regulators. June 11, 1855.

Whereas, The members of this Board having heard with regret that statements have been made in the Select and Common Council Chambers, that the Surveyors of the several districts did not wish to perform any of the public work or surveying for the City, whilst at the same time the duties we are now called upon to perform do not afford us sufficient employment or compensation. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors, in stated meeting assembled, do most respectfully protest against the authorizing of any person to make survey of all or any part of our districts for any purpose, while we are ready and willing to attend to any duty Councils may direct, or the Act of Consolidation and its Supplement prescribe.

Resolved, In the opinion of this Board, it would be, at present, a useless expenditure of the public money to authorize a survey of the river front, included in the First and Second Districts, whilst a survey is being made by Thomas Stewart, Esq., under Commissioners at present authorized by an Act of Legislature, which is costing the City a large daily expenditure.

Resolved, In the opinion of this Board, the survey at

present being made in First and Second Districts should be completed, the plan approved, the land-marks designating the streets placed in their positions, and then, by direction of Councils, the sounding in the direct line of each street should be taken, reduced to the lowest tides, and marked on a map prepared for such purpose, so that the line to which wharves should be erected could then be marked thereon."

GEO. STURGES,

Secretary to the Board of Surveyors.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, with a letter from Mr. T. H. Tuttle, relative to the removal of kitchen offal, and the building of a culvert on Vine, east of Twentieth street.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A communication from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, with the following resolutions, as passed by said board, June 12th, 1855:

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to take action upon the lots recommended to be taken on ground rent, for the erection of new school-houses, and such other recommendations as have been referred to them by this Board during the past year.

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to take such action as will secure to this Board the Girard School-house, in the First Ward, for public school purposes.

Which were both read and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, rela-

tive to the want of suitable provisions for the removal of kitchen offal.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That Parrish street, at Corinthian avenue, is a nuisance prejudicial to health, and that the attention of City Councils be called to the same, with the request that they have the nuisance abated.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Vineyard street, between Nineteenth and Ridge Avenue, asking to have water-pipes laid on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking Councils to pass a supplement to an ordinance approved March 1st, 1855, entitled " An Ordinance relating to horses, cows, sheep, and other animals running at large," so that each resident or housekeeper may have one cow and no more to run at large on the public roads.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police without reading.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed resolution, relative to leasing the Commissioners' Hall of the late District of the Northern Liberties, recom-

mend the adoption of the same by striking out the word "five" and inserting "three."

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

J. F. KNORR,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. C. PATTERSON,
JOHN WELSH,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
JAMES DAVENPORT.

Committee Room, June 14, 1855.

Resolved, That the Commissioner on City Property, under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, be, and he is hereby authorized to lease, for a term of one or more years, not exceeding three, the Public Hall in Third street, below Green, (known as the Commissioners' Hall of the Northern Liberties,) to the Commissioners of the Consolidation Bank, or any other responsible parties, at an annual rent of nine hundred dollars, payable quarterly, and subject to such reservations as may be agreed upon between the parties.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend, to insert "not less than" between the words "of" and "nine."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, to insert "by leasing the basement, first and second story rooms in the Hall for not less than \$900."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out the

words, "not less than one nor exceeding five years," and inserting "not exceeding one year."

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out \$900, and insert \$2000.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were called; but before being ordered,

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved to amend, to strike out "Commissioners of the Consolidation Bank, or other responsible parties," and insert "Controllers of Public Schools."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out "hall in Third street," and insert the words, "all the halls belonging to the City."

Mr. Freeman

Moved that the farther consideration of the resolution be postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Finance, with instruction to report it with amend-

ments, reserving explicitly that part of the building now used for school purposes.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company, and the annexed resolution," and ask the adoption of the resolution.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

J. F. KNORR,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. C. PATTERSON,
J. N. WELSH,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
JAMES DAVENPORT.

Committee Room, June 14th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on this fourteenth day of June, 1855, being a stated day for the meeting of Councils, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company," and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

The ordinance *was then read.* (*See Appendix, No. 12.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed, and that it be referred back to the Committee to report more fully upon the subject.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways submit a bill providing for the regulation of the use of locomotive engines within certain portions of the City.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
GEO. A. BINDER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
THOS. J. ROLERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, June 7th, 1855.

“An Ordinance to regulate the speed at which cars may be conveyed and locomotive engines propelled over the railroads within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, and to prescribe regulations thereabout.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways submit a resolution, directing notice to be given for the opening of Girard avenue, from Landing street to the river Schuylkill.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, June 14th, 1855.

A resolution to give notice of the intended opening of Girard avenue, from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to give notice forthwith to the owners of the ground through and over which Girard avenue, from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill is laid out on the plan of the late District of Penn, that at the expiration of three months from the said notice, Councils will order the said street or avenue, within the said limits, to be opened or public use, as they are authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21, 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when

The resolution was agreed to, and

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Taylor and others, asking for a culvert in Fifteenth street,

Report, that they deem the same much needed for private drainage, and they report an ordinance annexed, authorizing the culvert to be built, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, June 14th, 1855.

An ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of the members, and subsequently withdrew the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report an ordinance to pay Messrs. Gordon & Co., balance in full for construction of culverts in the late District of Richmond, the payment to be made in bonds issued under ordinance of January 30, 1855.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIESON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, June 14th, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay in the manner herein mentioned for certain work, performed by virtue of a certain contract.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Penrose,

Chairman of the Committee on Police, to whom was referred so much of the message of the Mayor as refers to the police, presented an able report, (*See Appendix, No. 13,*) with the following resolution annexed :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

And the report was accepted.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to report the annexed bill, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 29th, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1855,' " and ask its adoption.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
Chairman.

JOHN M^cWHORTER,
AB[']M BAKER,
A. W. GREEN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
T. J. PERKINS,
FRED[']K W. GRAYSON.

Committee Room, June 14th, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the ordinance be postponed, and printed for the use of the the members.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils ;

The Committee on Police beg leave to report the annexed bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved March 1, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance relating to wagons, carts, drays and barrows,' " and ask its adoption.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
Chairman.

JNO. M'WHORTER,
AL'M BAKER,
A. W. GREEN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
T. J. PERKINS,
FRED. W. GRAYSON.

Committee Room, June 14, 1855.

And moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the following ordinances and resolutions, to wit :

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts."

"A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Vienna street, Twentieth street, and Franklin street."

"Resolutions relative to paving Franklin avenue, from Third to Apple streets," and

“ Building a culvert on Fourth street, from the south to the north side of Franklin avenue.”

Mr. Patterson

Moved that when we adjourn, we will adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council adjourned.

MONDAY, June 18th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J ,

Baker, Abraham,

Barton,

Biddle,

Binder,

Bishop,

Borie,

Bremer,

Broomall,

Brouse,

Bumm,

Chester,

Craven,

Davenport,

Davis,

Dougherty,

Duane,

Dunk,

Dyer,

Enos,

Freeman,

Fuller,

Gay,

Gibson,

Gordon,

Grayson,

Green,

Hancock,

Hand,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Messrs. Houseman,

King,

Knorr,

Manuel,

Marsh,

Martin,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Miller, Hiram,

Moore,

Murphy,

M'Cleary,

M'Mullen,

O'Neill,

Parham,

Parker,

Patterson,

Peall,

Penrose,

Ridgway,

Roberts, C. B.,

Roberts, Spencer,

Sandgran,

Steelling,

Stevenson,

Taylor,

Treadwell,

Vanhorn,

Welsh,

Willetts,

Winship,

Hacker, *President.*

Reports of committees being still in order,

Mr. Gordon,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,
presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

JAMES M. GILSON,
O. H. P. PARKER,
W. S. WINSHIP,
J. W. MILLER,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
GEORGE F. GORDON.

Committee Room, June 7, 1855.

The ordinance having been read, on motion of

Mr. Gordon,

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, (Mr. Patterson in the Chair,) on the consideration of the bill, and after some time spent therein, the committee arose and reported the bill with amendments.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and that the bill as amended be printed for the use of the members.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that we now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 21st, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Manuel,
Baker, A. J.,	Marsh,
Baker, Abraham,	Martin,
Barton,	Mascher,
Biddle,	Miller, Andrew,
Binder,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Broomall,	M ^c Adams,
Bumm,	M ^c Cleary,
Chester,	M ^c Mullen,
Cou rad,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Parham,
Davenport,	Parker,
Davis,	Patterson,
Dougherty,	Peall,
Duane,	Penrose,
Dunk,	Preston,
Dyer,	Reed,
Enos,	Ridgway,
Freeman,	Roberts, C. B.,
Fuller,	Roberts, Spencer,
Gay,	Roberts, T. J.,
Gibson,	Sandgran,
Gordon,	Steelling,
Grayson,	Stevenson,
Hancock,	Treadwell,
Hand,	Vaux,
Hassinger,	Vanhorn,
Henry,	Welsh,
Houseman,	Willetts,
King,	Winship,
Knorr,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

Mr. M'Mullen

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the President shall, at each stated meeting, on the arrival of the hour for the presentation of petitions and memorials, call the Wards in their numerical order ; but if all the Wards shall not be called, the call shall be resumed at the next stated meeting.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended to take up the business at the point where we left off at the close of the last meeting.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Preston.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Borie, Bremer, Bumm, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Grayson, Hancock, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrosé, Preston, Ridgway, Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn.

Yeas 29 ; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to, it requiring a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend the rules.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a bill from James McCoy for cleaning the streets, &c., in the late District of Moyamensing, from Feb. 1 to July 31, 1854, as per contract.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Winship

Presented a communication from the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company, enclosing a preamble and resolution relative to the proposed modifications in the present ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Chester

Presented a communication from D. B. Haas, containing proposals for removing the railroad track running from the Reading Railroad along the Schuylkill River to or below Market street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, without reading.

Mr. Biddle

Presented a petition from Ferdinand J. Dreer, asking Councils to restore the original grade of Girard Avenue, in Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a petition from owners of property on the north side of Market street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, asking that the same may be graded and repaved.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

A petition from citizens, remonstrating against the ordinance, as passed by Select Council, relating to dogs.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a petition from citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking a reduction of the present police force, and remonstrating against any increase of salaries of policemen and police officers.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the petition be referred to a special committee of five.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and M'Cleary.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Conrad, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Houseman, King, Parham, Penrose, Reed, Sandgran, Treadwell.

Yeas 42; nays 19.

So the petition was thus referred, and the President appointed Messrs. O'Neill, Chester, Bumm, Davis, Hand, as said Committee.

Mr. Vanhorn

Presented a petition from Nathan Bennett, policeman

of Fifteenth Ward, asking compensation for time lost by sickness.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Gordon

Presented a petition from citizens and the class in attendance upon the Lectures at the Wagner Free Institute of Science, asking Councils to grant the Institution a permanent location in the Spring Garden Hall.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from citizens of the Seventeenth Ward, asking a reduction of the present police force, and remonstrating against any increase of the salaries of the policemen or the police officers.

Which was referred to the special committee heretofore appointed.

Mr. McCleary

Presented a petition from property owners on Amber street, from Wood to Dauphin streets, Nineteenth Ward, asking that the curb may be set and footways paved on said street.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from owners of property on Chestnut street, west of Rose street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the culvert on said street, which in its present unfinished state is a nuisance and prejudicial to health, may be extended about one hundred and fifty feet.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property holders on Shippen

and Brinton streets, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, asking the abatement of a nuisance in that vicinity.

Which were severally referred (without reading,) to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented the following communication from John Lindsay, City Treasurer:

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 21st, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

In accordance with the requirement of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for a sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia," I submit the following statement, viz :

Amount of investment on account of the sinking fund from
March 31st to June 21st, 1855 :

Five per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$514	36
Six " " " " " "		65,070 55

Total,	-	\$65,584 91
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At a nett cost of	-	-	-	-	-	\$60,302 58
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Respectfully,

JOHN LINDSAY,
City Treasurer.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., upon the subject of defaulting tax collectors. (*See Appendix, No. 14.*)

Also,

A communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, in reply to resolutions of May 24, 1855, with accompanying documents. (*See Appendix, No. 14.*)

Also,

A communication from John M. Coleman, Receiver of Taxes, in reply to the resolution of the 24th of May, 1855, requiring certain information. (*See Appendix, No. 14.*)

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, calling the attention of Councils to a nuisance in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Myrtle streets, and also to the filthy condition of said streets.

Also,

A communication from Seth Holt, asking that coal cars may be permitted to run down the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad as far as Ninth and Wallace streets.

Also,

A communication from George Dehaven, Sr., of the Nineteenth Ward, submitting proposals for hauling gravel and paving stones for the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Tyler street, running north from Poplar, in the Twentieth Ward, asking that said street may be repaved and the curb reset.

Mr. Einder

Presented petitions from property-holders, asking that Marshall street, from Montgomery street to Germantown Road, Montgomery street, from Fifth to Sixth streets, and Columbia street, from Fifth to Tenth streets, may be opened and graded as soon as practicable.

Also,

A communication from Messrs. Burton and Laning, calling the attention of Councils to the drainage of the streets, at the corner of Columbia avenue and Sixth street.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the names of the securities offered by F. Knox Morton, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

JAMES DAVENPORT,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
JNO. WELSH,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolved, That Charles R. Danenhower and Abel Lukens be accepted as securities for F. Knox Morton, and that the Solicitor be requested to draw the necessary bond and warrant, and cause the same to be entered on record forthwith.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

When it was adopted.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution relative to leasing the Commissioners' Hall of the late District of the Northern Liberties, beg leave to report

the annexed resolution in lieu thereof, and recommend the adoption of the same.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

W. C. PATTERSON,
JAMES C. HAND,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
JOHN WELSH,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolved, That the Commissioner on City Property, under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, be, and he is hereby authorized to lease for three years, the basement, first and second stories of the public hall in Third street, below Green, to any responsible parties, at an annual rent of not less than \$900, payable quarterly, reserving the third story, with the proper entrance thereto, and such other reservations as may be agreed upon by the Commissioner and the parties who lease the same, and the said Commissioner is hereby also authorized to lease the third story for school or other purposes.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved to amend to strike out "second story."

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and C. B. Roberts.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bremer, Chester, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Peall, Roberts (C. B.),

Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 29; nays 32.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Reed

Moved to amend to strike out "\$900," and insert "\$1,500."

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend the amendment to strike out "\$1,500" and insert "\$1,000."

Mr. Winship

Moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hancock and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Houseman, Knorr, Miller, (Hiram), M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran,

Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker,
President.

Yeas 21 ; nays 42.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Davenport.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Bremer, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Peall, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Hand, Houseman, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President.*

Yeas 33 ; nays 30.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend to strike out the words "or other," between the words "school" and "purposes."

Which was agreed to.

The question now being on the resolution as amended,

Mr. Steelling

Moved that Council now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the resolution, for special amendment.

Which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following:

"That the Commissioner on City Property be, and is hereby authorized to lease to responsible parties for a term of not more than three years, so much of the Commissioners' Hall, on Third street, below Green, as is at present vacant, and to include the basement story, if satisfactory to the tenant."

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend the amendment by adding "at a rent not less than \$1,500."

Which amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. H. Miller,

Mr. Gay

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising:

Messrs. Gay, Freeman, Ridgway, Pumm, Barton, Grayson, Gibson, Patterson, King and Sandgran.

The question being, "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being the amendment offered by Mr. H. Miller,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Dougherty, Gay, Gibson, Knorr, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Peall, Penrose, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.)

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 21 ; nays 38.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of considering the bill upon the President's desk from Select Council relating to dogs.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report, with resolutions annexed :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred by Councils numerous petitions asking for the construction of a bridge over the river Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, in accordance with an act of Assembly, approved March 27, 1852, report :

That the subject is one that has engaged much of the attention of the late and present Committee. The various plans submitted to the late County Board, together with

those before the late Committee of Highways, have been under consideration, and after a full examination of the same, with a view of adopting a plan suitable for the site, and with the requirements demanded by its importance to the community, your Committee recommend the adoption of the plan presented by Thomas S. Stewart, for a tubular arch bridge of a single span, to be constructed of iron.

This plan received the approval of the County Board and the late Committee; also that of several able Engineers, whose opinions were sought by those bodies.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions approving of the plan, and authorizing the Department to take the necessary preliminary steps, subject to the approval of Councils before final action.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
W. B. R. SELBY.
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER.
O. P. CORNMAN,

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolved, That the plan presented by Thomas S. Stewart, Civil Engineer, for a tubular arch bridge of a single span be, and the same is hereby adopted for the bridge to be constructed over the river Schuylkill at Chestnut street, as provided for by the Act of Assembly approved March 27, 1852.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to have specifications prepared, and receive proposals for the construction of said bridge, and submit the same to Council for their approval.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed for one week.

Mr. Knorr

Moved to amend, to make it the special order of the day for next Thursday.

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Also,

The following report with resolutions annexed :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a resolution to authorize the property holders on certain streets to pave the same, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
W. B. R. SELBY,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.
B. R. MILLER,

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolutions to authorize property holders to pave certain streets therein named.

Resolved, That the property-holders on Wallace street, between Sixteenth and Nineteenth streets ; Washington street, from Broad to Seventeenth streets, and from Twenty-first to Twenty-third streets ; Green street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth streets ; Eighteenth street, from Coates to Willow streets ; Fifteenth street, from Fitzwater to Carpenter streets, and Marriott street, from Seventh to Eighth streets, be, and they are hereby authorized to pave either or all of the above enumerated streets. Provided, the same shall be done subject to the supervision of the

Commissioner of Highways, or Supervisor of the Ward in which they are located, who shall be the sole judge of all material to be used, and of the manner of performing the work, and provided further, that the water-pipes shall be first laid therein.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

The resolution was agreed to, and

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following report, with resolution annexed :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the annexed petition, asking a change in the location of a portion of Thirty-second street, Twenty-fourth Ward,

Report, that upon examination of the same, they believe the change asked for to be a judicious one ; and as said street has not yet been opened, they recommend that the same be referred to the Board of Surveys, with instructions to make the change asked for, they being authorized to do so by the fourth section of the supplement.

Annexed is a resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GILSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to change the location

of Thirty-second street, from a point about one hundred and sixty-five feet south of Race street to Callowhill street, as laid down on the plan hereto annexed.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Hancock

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for one week.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose,

Chairman of the Committee on Police, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Council's :

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition on the subject, beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entit'ed "An Ordinance to abolish certain market limits," and recommend the adoption of the same.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
Chairman.

JAMES DAVENPORT,
T. J. PERKINS,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
JOHN WELSH,
FREDERICK W. GRAYSON,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

The ordinance was read, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to lay it on the table, and print the same for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that when Council adjourn, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next, at three o'clock.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend the motion, "to consider ordinances, resolutions, and for other purposes."

The amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, to hear the report of the Special Committee on Printing.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets, presented the following report:

The Committee on Markets respectfully report the following ordinance, and ask for its adoption by Common and Select Councils.

GEO. F. GORDON,
Chairman.

C. S. DUNK.
THOS. DAVIS,
WM. M. PARIHAM,
W. H. STOKES,
JOHN K. KNORR,
WM. B. SMALL,
P. M. HAGNER,
JNO. McWHORTER,
J. L. HUTCHINSON.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

An ordinance to establish market-stands in the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Wards. (*See Appendix, No. 15.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that it be laid on the table, and printed for the use of members.

Which he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Renewed the motion.

On the question of agreeing to the same,

A division of the motion was moved and agreed to.

The first division being to lay on the table,

It was agreed to.

The second division being to print for the use of the members,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
ALEX. MARTIN,
SAML. C. WILLETTS,
JOSEPH L. CHESTER,
JNO. WELSH,
NATHAN HILLES,
T. J. PERKINS,
A. B. ASHTON.

Committee Room, June 21, 1855.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be authorized to have the dock at the end of Washington street, cleansed, providing the cost does not exceed four hundred dollars.

Also,

The dock on the north side of Almond street cleansed, providing the cost does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

The following message was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 21, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances and Resolutions, viz :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay in the manner herein mentioned, for work performed by virtue of a certain contract.”

“Resolutions adopted by Select and Common Councils at the City of Philadelphia, June 14, A. D., 1855.”

“A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Vienna street, Twentieth street, and Franklin street.”

“A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of Girard avenue, from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the resolution relative to the acceptance of the securities of F. Knox Morton, with the following amendment, in which they ask concurrence to insert after the name of "F. Knox Morton," the word "City Treasurer."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled, "a supplement to an Ordinance entitled, 'an Ordinance to provide for granting building permits.'"

Mr. Knorr,

Chairman of the Special Committee on Printing, presented the following report:

To the President and members of Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee appointed to "inquire and report to this body, the cheapest and best means of advertising the City ordinances, and such other matter as the law requires to be published," beg leave to make the following report:

That after a careful examination they find that the printing can be done, by contract, at from twenty-five to fifty per cent. less than is now paid; your Committee think that the subject should be placed under the control of business principles, and therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to advertise, soliciting proposals from the publishers of Philadelphia daily newspapers, for the general advertising of this branch of Councils, for one year from July 1, prox., said proposals to be accompanied by statements and rates, and daily circulation within the limits of our City, said circulation to be verified by certificates from the publishers, pressmen and book-keepers.

Also,

To solicit proposals for printing the Journals and such

other printing as may be required for this Council for one year from July 1st proximo.

J. F. KNORR,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JAMES GAY.

Philadelphia, June 14, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration be postponed for the present, and the resolution printed for the use of members.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend the motion "that the report and resolution be recommitted to the Committee to make a fuller report of the facts to this Chamber at the next stated meeting."

But subsequently withdrew the same, and

Moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "circulation," the words "and rates of advertising," and after the words "verified by" the words "the oaths of the publishers, pressmen and book-keepers."

Mr. Penrose

Again moved to postpone the further consideration of resolution, and print the same for the use of members.

Pending which,

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

MONDAY, June 25th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Manuel,
Barton,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bilyeu,	Miller, Andrew,
Bishop,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M'Adams,
Bumm,	M'Cleary,
Chester,	M'Mullen,
Conrad,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Parker,
Davenport,	Patterson,
Davis,	Peall,
Dougherty,	Penrose,
Duane,	Preston,
Dyer,	Ridgway,
Enos,	Roberts, C. B.,
Freeman,	Roberts, Spencer,
Fuller,	Roberts, T. J.,
Gay,	Sandgran,
Gibson,	Steelling,
Gordon,	Stevenson,
Grayson,	Taylor,
Hancock,	Treadwell,
Hand,	Vaux,
Hassinger,	Welsh,
Henry,	Willetts,
Hoppel,	Winship,
Houseman,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

The President

Informed Council they would now proceed with the consideration of the ordinance from Select Council, relating to dogs running at large in the City of Philadelphia.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they have passed the following bill, entitled "An Ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large in the City of Philadelphia," and ask concurrence.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until next Thursday, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend on third line, to insert "except the First, Second, and Third Precincts of the Twenty-fourth Ward."

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend the amendment by adding, "and all the rural districts of the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Wards."

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

And the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to insert after the word "large," on

the seventh line, "in the months of June, July, August and September," and to strike out from the word "and," on the ninth line, to the end of the twelfth line.

Mr. King

Moved to amend the amendment on the eleventh and twelfth lines, by striking out "Mayor or any," and insert "the nearest."

The amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend to strike out "any dog" on line two, and insert "the owner of any dog to allow said dog."

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Duane

Moved to amend by striking out "allow" and insert "suffer."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend, to strike out all from the commencement of the thirteenth line to the end of the section.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to insert on fourth line, between the words "within" and "the," "the limits as aforesaid of."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to amend, to insert the words "May," before the word "June," and "October" after "September."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Knorr

Moved to amend, by inserting on the seventh line, after the word "City," the words "without a muzzle as aforesaid."

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to strike out "that" after "Dog," on the sixth line, and insert "that if," before "any" on the fifth line.

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Knorr

Moved to insert the word "they" before the word "shall" on the seventh line.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out "appointing as many persons," and insert "detail as many policemen," and strike out "street" in second line, and all after "effect," in second line to the end of the section.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend the amendment by inserting on the second line, between the words "to" and "carry," "ten persons only, who shall be under the direction and protection of the police."

Mr. Penrose

Moved to modify to strike out "ten."

Which modification was accepted.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to amend the amendment by substituting in lieu of "detail as many policemen," the words "and to employ a sufficient number of police officers."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Parker.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Dougherty, Duane, Hancock, Hassenger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington,) M'Adam's, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (J. T.), Stevenson, Taylor,

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vaux, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 25; nays 38

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the section,

Mr. Craven

Moved to amend by striking out the entire section, and substitute the following in lieu thereof, to wit:

"That the Mayor is hereby authorized to direct the police to carry this ordinance into effect, by causing all dogs found running at large in the city of Philadelphia to

be taken up, killed and buried, when not within the exceptions of the foregoing sections, or in cases of clearly established accident or emergency, when the animal is peculiarly valuable, then, and not otherwise, they may be disposed of at the discretion of the Mayor. And for the services to be performed in taking up, killing and burying each dog, the person performing the duty shall receive the sum of one dollar."

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend the amendment by offering the following:

Section 3. That the Marshal of Police is hereby authorized to appoint as many persons as he may deem necessary, who, under the supervision and protection of the police, shall carry this ordinance into effect.

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

And the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend to strike out on line seventh, the words "shall receive," and add to the end of the section, "shall be paid."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend to strike out from the word "section," on the fourth line, to the word "Mayor or any Alderman," inclusive, on the sixth line.

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the section as amended,

It was agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration,

Mr. Gay

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "trans-

portation," on the third and fourth lines, "which transportation shall be, in all cases, along the cartways."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend to strike out "one hundred," where it occurs on the sixth line, and insert "ten."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend to strike out the words "Mayor, Recorder, or" on the seventh and eighth lines.

Which was also agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend to strike out all after the word "recoverable," on the ninth line, and insert "the fines so collected shall be paid into the City treasury."

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend to strike out on the fifth line the words "connected with the execution of this ordinance."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend to strike out all after the word "carcasses" on the fourth line, to the word "every" on the sixth line.

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the section as amended,

It was agreed to.

The fifth section being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to strike out the whole section and insert the following, in lieu thereof.

SECTION V. That the owner or agent of each dog, within the limits of the City, shall, within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance, procure a license from the license clerk of the Highway Department for such dog or bitch, for which license the owner shall pay one dollar; and annually thereafter, the sum of one dollar. And further, after the expiration of said thirty days, if any dog be found, the owner of which cannot show a certificate of license, the dog shall be forthwith taken and treated as provided for in this ordinance.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, by adding to the end of the section, the following: "except the portions of the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, excepted and excluded by the first section of this Act."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the section,

It was not agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved the following to come in as the fifth section, to wit:

SECTION V. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to give public notice, to be published in two daily newspapers having the largest circulation, on the alternate days for one week, immediately preceding the time fixed by this ordinance for enforcing the same in each year.

And the same being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out "two daily newspapers having the largest circulation," and insert "all the newspapers in the City."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Dougherty, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Martin, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steeling, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 28; nays 24.

So the section was agreed to.

Section seventh, (now sixth,) was agreed to.

Section eighth, (now seventh,) was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And on the motion to suspend the rules, which forbid the reading of a bill twice upon the same day, and proceed to a third reading of the ordinance,

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, Knorr,

Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), McCleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. King, O'Neill, Stevenson, Vaux.

Yeas 50; nays 4.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

Mr. McCleary

Moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of offering an ordinance in place.

Which was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the Court of Quarter Sessions to confirm the award of the jury in assessing damages for the laying out of Water street anew.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Inform that they have received a report from the Committee on City Property, with the following resolution annexed, which they have passed.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, recognizing the value of the gift made to the Corporation, of the estate known heretofore as the Hunting Park, and appreciating the liberal motives which prompted it, do hereby return their cordial thanks for the

same to those of their fellow-citizens by whom it was designed and perfected.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Willetts

Moved a suspension of the rules, to enable him to present a report relative to the rate of taxation due by the rural districts, and upon the motion being agreed to, offered the following :

To the Common Council :

The Special Committee appointed under a resolution of May 24th, to ascertain the proportional rate of taxation due by the rural districts, respectfully make the following report :

They find by the thirteenth section of the supplement to the Act of Consolidation, that the rural portions of the City shall have an allowance made for certain things therein mentioned, and make the following allowance in accordance with the same :

For Police and Watchmen, 40 cents to \$100.

“ Lighting, 10 “ “ “

“ Paving, 10 “ “ “

“ Clearing Streets, 6 “ “ “

Which they believe to be a low estimate, and will come inside of the actual expenses.

The Committee consulted the City Solicitor, and submit his opinion herewith. In accordance with which, and after careful consideration of the subject, they beg leave to offer the following ordinance, and ask the favorable action of Councils in relation thereto.

SAMUEL C. WILLETTTS,
Chairman.

D. S. HASSINGER,

HENRY T. KING,

D. C. ENOS,

HIRAM MILLER.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, June 7th, 1855. }

*To S. C. Willets, Esq., Chairman of the Special Committee
on Taxing Rural Districts:*

DEAR SIR:—I have duly received your letter, asking my opinion upon the question as to “Whether the Rural Districts are entitled to more than one-third reduction, if the police, watching, paving, lighting and cleansing streets amounts to more than one-third of the whole City tax.”

The question arises upon the construction of the latter clause of the thirteenth section of the Supplement to the Consolidation Act; it is as follows:

“The Councils shall not impose taxes upon rural portions of the City for police and watchmen, for lighting and paving and cleaning streets, and shall make an allowance therefor of *at least* one-third of the whole City tax in favor of such section, and any greater rate than aforesaid assessed or paid for the present year, shall be remitted or refunded.”

I am of the opinion that should the taxes imposed by the City *for police and watchmen, for lighting and paving and cleaning streets*, amount to *more than* one-third of the whole City tax, that the same should be allowed in favor of such rural section, and remitted or refunded, if assessed or paid for the present year.

I am respectfully yours,

I. HAZLEHURST.

“An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax-payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof,

and print the same for the use of members, and that it be made the special order of the day for next Thursday week.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for taking a census of the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read, and

On motion,

That Council proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 28th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Biddle,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bunn,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Hoppel,
King,

Messrs. Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Murphy,
M^cAdams,
M^cCleary,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President.*

Mr. Freeman

Moved the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

The President

Presented the certificate of election of Pierce Butler, member of this Council, of the Eighth Ward, to wit :

PHILADELPHIA, May 2d, 1855.

To Pierce Butler :

SIR:—At an election held on the 1st inst., you were duly elected a member of the Common Council for the Eighth Ward for the ensuing year.

JOHN MARTIN,
WILLIAM SWIFT,
ROBERT LUTHER,
HENRY J. M'INTIRE,
DAVID MURRAY,
Judges.

Which was read and filed.

Mr. Butler was then duly qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Little Washington street, from Thirteenth to Broad streets, First Ward, asking the introduction of gas lamps on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property on South, between Fifth and Sixth streets, asking to have said street swept and gutters cleansed, as in its present state the same is prejudicial to health.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from J. and B. M'Makin, calling the attention of Council to the dilapidated state of the pavement on Arch street wharf, of which they are the lessees.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves, without reading.

Mr. Hand

Presented a communication from R. A. Parrish, submitting his name as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of City Property.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Biddle

Presented a communication from John T. Mahoney, Civil Engineer, in reference to the proposed bridge over the Schuylkill River at Chestnut street.

Mr. Henry

Presented a petition from James Twaddell, asking a change of the line of survey of Lehman street, late West Philadelphia.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a communication from Smith, Seckels & Co., proposing to clean and keep clean with the sweeping machines the streets, courts and alleys, in sanitary districts, No. 1, 3, 4 and 5, for the space of one year, according to specifications submitted by them to the Department of Highways, leaving the price or compensation for the said work to be settled by Councils.

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Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from owners of property and re-

sidents on State street, asking that the said street may be repaved.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a petition from the trustees and managers of the "Union School and Children's Home," asking to be released from the payment of the charge for the use of the gas.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Barton

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents of the Seventeenth Ward, asking that the gas lamp-post, located on the west side of Fourth street, south of Harrison's avenue, may be changed to the southwest corner of Fourth street and said avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Also,

A communication from Messrs. A. J. Derbyshire and John M. Kennedy, in relation to the alleged negotiations between the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the owners of the several transportation lines engaged in forwarding merchandize on the State Canals.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Craven

Presented a petition from the Board of Trustees of the First Independent Church, on Broad street, asking that a gas lamp may be placed at the northwest corner of George street and a certain Court, running from George street, between Juniper and Broad streets, and also, requesting

that the lamp located at the southeast corner of Broad and George street may be removed to the northeast corner of said streets.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from Erastus Poulson, clerk to the Board of Managers of the "House of Correction," asking an appropriation to meet expenses incurred by them for plans for a house of correction.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a communication from P. T. Vansant, attorney for Catharine Cramp, Jacob Binder, Jacob Cramp, Wm. Cramp and Jacob Rice, in relation to a nuisance as now existing by a culvert in Queen street below Wood, in the Eighteenth Ward.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. M^cCleary

Presented a petition from George Kelly, asking that he may be paid for grading certain streets in the late District of Kensington, and

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended to offer an ordinance to pay the said George Kelly.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay upon the terms herein mentioned for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared, and on the question "Shall this bill pass?"

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to report to Councils all the facts connected with the case.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the ordinance, for special amendments.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the final passage of the bill,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gay and Bumm.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer Broomall, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran,

Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Dyer, Freeman, Green, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Parham, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Steelling.

Yeas 41 ; nays 22.

It was agreed to.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Peall

Presented petitions from citizens of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, asking a reduction of the present police force, and remonstrating against any increase of the salaries of policemen and police officers.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Willetts

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents of the western part of Philadelphia, calling the attention of Councils to the dangerous state of the crossings at Twenty-second and Market streets.

Mr. Knorr

Presented petitions from citizens asking the early construction of the Bridge over the Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, in accordance with the recent Supplement to the Consolidation Act.

Mr. Enos

Presented one of like import.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented a communication from the Secretary to the

Board of Port Wardens, enclosing a resolution, notifying Councils of a vacancy in said board, occasioned by the election of A. P. Bilyeu, as a member of Common Council.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon

Presented a petition from ladies composing the class attending the lectures of the Wagner Free Institute of Science, asking that the same may be permanently fixed in Spring Garden Hall.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from citizens and owners of property, remonstrating against any reduction in the present police force of the City.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Penrose

Stated, that as Chairman of the Committee on Police, he would take occasion to present the following report at this time.

To the Common Council :

The Committee on Police, to whom were referred numerous petitions for and against the reduction of the police force, respectfully ask this Council to refer the same to the Special Committee on that subject.

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
Chairman.

AB'M BAKER,
LEWIS BREMER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
JOHN WELSH,
A. W. GREEN.

Committee Room, June 28, 1855.

Which report was accepted, and the petitions so referred.

Mr. Vaux

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property on Church street, below Mifflin, and on Mifflin from Church to Front streets, asking that said streets may be filled up, and the water pipes laid therein as soon as practicable.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, to afford him an opportunity to offer an ordinance.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the financial relief of the people."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, and "print for the use of the members."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to postpone,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Preston.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bishop, Broomall, Conrad, Craven, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Gibson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, King, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington),

Parham, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Biddle, Borie, Butler, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 32.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Duane

Moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Which amendment was accepted.

And the motion thus amended was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a further suspension of the rules to offer an ordinance in place.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses," approved the 19th day of October, 1854.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

On motion,

That the rules be suspended, which forbid the reading of bills twice upon the same day, and that the bill be read a third time by its title.

Which was agreed to.

The bill having been read a third time by its title, and on the question, Shall this bill pass?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Conrad and Penrose.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, Mc'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Parham, Parker, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts.

Yeas 37; nays 23.

It was agreed to.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a suspension of the rules, for the purpose of offering a bill in place.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place and presented to the Chair a bill, en-

titled "An Ordinance to limit the expenses of the City," and moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to offer a bill in place.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance, approved August 20, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City,' " and moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday next, at three o'clock.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend, "and that the ordinance organizing the Fire Department be made the special order of that day."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved a suspension of the rules, to offer (in place) an ordinance.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance organizing the department for supplying the City with water, approved Oct. 3d, 1854."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved to amend, to strike out "water purveyors and inspectors."

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Monday, to come up first in order after the ordinance "organizing the Fire Department."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a further suspension of the rules to enable him to offer a bill (in place).

And on the motion being agreed to,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A supplement to the Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed and printed, and made the order of the day for Monday, with the preceding bills.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the special committee to confer with Messrs. Purdy, Phillips & Robinson, in relation to the contract for the construction of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, presented a report, (*see Appendix No. 16,*) with the following resolution annexed :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the material used in the construction of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, now under contract by Messrs. Purdy, Phillips & Robinson, as they progress with the work, and said committee may report to Council from time to time such matter as they may deem of public interest, and to this end the solicitor is hereby requested to furnish said committee with a certified copy of the contract aforesaid.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to strike out "special committee," and insert "Commissioner of Highways."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to, and

The President

Appointed Messrs. Parker, Winship, Bunn, Davenport, and A. J. Baker, as said Committee.

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution.

On the motion being agreed to, he offered the following:

Recommendatory resolutions for the Common Council.

Resolved, That the following order for the general celebration of our great American Independence Day be, and the same is hereby recommended to the citizens.

1. A national salute at daybreak.
2. All the bells in the City on public buildings, churches and factories be rung from 7 to 8 o'clock in the morning, and from 6 to 7 in the evening.
3. The military to parade from 6 to 10 in the morning.
4. All the churches to be open from 11 to 12 o'clock, for such religious purposes as their respective congregations shall ordain.
5. Orations to be delivered in all the Wards, under such arrangements as the citizens of the Ward, or as Associations of the Ward may agree upon, from 10 to 11 in the morning.
6. That the Board of Control of the Public Schools shall make such arrangements as will enable the children of the various schools throughout the City, to meet at their respective schools, at 4 o'clock, and under the charge of the teachers, to march along the sidewalk, singing as they go to such public squares as may be designated by the Board, there to join in singing patriotic songs. Returning home under charge of their teachers.

7. A general illumination of the whole city from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Henry,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, &c., are hereby requested to report an ordinance at the next stated meeting of Councils, organizing the Department of Port Wardens, and they are hereby further requested to report to Councils an estimate of the probable expenses of the Department of Port Wardens for the balance of the current year, and such other information relating to the Department, as they may deem necessary.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering a resolution.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend to suspend the rules for the balance of the day.

Which was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be and they are hereby instructed to confer with Mr. George Kelley to ascertain upon what terms (if any), he will relinquish the grading of certain streets in the late district of Kensington, and said Committee shall report to Councils at their earliest convenience.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the clerk of Common Council be directed to draw a warrant for the sum of fifty dollars for payment of services rendered by John Q. Adams, as clerk to the committee on the contested election case of Andrew Miller, and also by the messenger, in accordance with the resolution of said committee ; to be paid out of the appropriation made to the clerks of Councils.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be requested to communicate to this Council, at their next stated meeting, by what authority the claims for registered taxes of the County of Philadelphia are in the hands of counsel, not connected with the law department of the City, for collection, and why the legal proceedings for the recovery of the same are not commenced and carried on by the City Solicitor and his assistants.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets be hereby instructed to report an ordinance requiring all baskets used for market purposes to be of uniform size, either bushel or half bushel measure, each bushel basket to contain an area of $2150\frac{4}{10}$ inches, and each half bushel basket to contain $1075\frac{2}{10}$ inches area.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Willetts

Moved that the resolution be referred to the Com-

mittee on Markets, with instructions to report an Ordinance in accordance therewith.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause Myrtle street, from Eleventh to Twelfth and from Thirteenth to Ontario streets, to be repaved.

Which was read, and

On motion

To proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. J. W. Miller

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council adjourned.

MONDAY, July 2d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Houseman,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Murphy,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, the same being the special order of the day.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, and that the bill, as reported by the Committee of the Whole, be printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend, to strike out the words, "as now compose the same, and such others as, upon application to and with the consent of Select and Common Councils, shall hereafter be organized," and insert, "provisions of the ordinance, and be approved of by Councils."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Hand.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Enos, Fuller, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Peall, Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bockius, Conrad, Craven, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Gibson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway Roberts (Spencer), Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the section,
It was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration,

Mr. Green

Moved to strike out all after the word "Directors," in the seventeenth line.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, Penrose, Preston, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 12 ; nays 47.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to amend, to insert the words, "for five years," after an "active fireman."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Duane

Moved to amend, to strike out the "proviso" and insert : "Provided that the name of the person nominated for

Chief Engineer shall, in any instance, be submitted for confirmation or rejection to the Select and Common Councils, in joint meeting assembled; and whenever the person returned for Chief Engineer shall be rejected, a new name shall be submitted for the approbation or rejection of the Select and Common Councils, in joint meeting assembled.

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Peall

Moved to amend, to insert after the word "and," on fifth line, "shall have been an active fireman for at least three years, and be not less than twenty-six years of age.

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, by adding the following proviso at the end of the section: "Provided, That any fire engine and hose company now organized that shall, within sixty days after the passage of this ordinance, by resolution, notify Councils of their intention to accept the provisions of the several ordinances regulating the Fire Department, may participate in the elections of Chief and Assistant Engineers, and shall thereafter become one of the companies of the Fire Department of Philadelphia."

Which was ruled out of order,

And the section was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth being under consideration,

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to strike out all after the word "property," in

the twelfth line, to the word "Directors" in the eighteenth line.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

The eleventh section being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to strike out "\$1000" and insert "\$1500."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Penrose.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Craven, Enos, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McCleary, McMullen, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts.

Yeas 11; nays 50.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, to insert after "\$1000," on the fourth line, "Assistant Engineers each \$400."

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out “\$400” and insert “\$500.”

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and King.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Gordon, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M’Cleary, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 15 ; nays 41.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend, to strike out “\$600,” on the fifth line, and insert “\$800.”

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the amendment, to insert “\$500” instead of “\$800.”

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS —Messrs. Bremer, Butler, Enos, Gibson, Hassin-

ger, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, Murphy, Preston, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Henry, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 44.

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,

It was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Section thirteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, to insert on line eight, after the word "purpose," "Provided that the police officers of said districts shall be required to perform said duty."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section fourteenth was agreed to.

Section fifteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Hancock

Moved to strike out, on line two, "eight hundred," and insert "one thousand."

Which was not agreed to.

The section was agreed to.

Section sixteenth was agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Offered the following, to come in as section seventeenth:

“It shall be the duty of the police officers to notify the members of the Fire Department, during the night, on every just alarm of fire; and the Lieutenant of each Ward shall direct the men under his charge to call such members as shall notify him of their residence.”

Which was agreed to.

Section seventeenth (now eighteenth) was agreed to.

Section eighteenth (now nineteenth) being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, on the third line, to strike out “four” and insert “three.”

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Davenport.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, O'Neill.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Mc'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 6; nays 47.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Chester

Moved to amend, to strike out the word "said" on sixth line.

Which was agreed to.

And the section, as amended, was agreed to.

Section nineteenth (now twentieth) being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, to insert after the words "Joint Committee," on the seventh line, "having reported to Councils."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The twentieth section (now twenty-first) was agreed to.

The twenty-first section (now twenty-second) was agreed to.

The twenty-second section (now twenty-third) being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike out all after "that" and insert, "any fire engine and hose company now organized that shall, within sixty days after the passage of this ordinance, by resolution, notify Councils of their intention to accept the provisions of the several ordinances regulating the Fire Department, may participate in the elections of Chief and Assistant Engineers, and shall thereafter become, in all respects, one of the companies of the Fire Department of Philadelphia."

The Chair ruled the same out of order.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following as section twenty-third:

"That the number of active members of the several fire

companies shall be as follows, viz.: Hose and hook and ladder companies not to exceed thirty, and engine companies fifty. Provided, that a company having a first-class engine, or a combined apparatus, may have an additional number of members, but in no case shall the number exceed seventy-five. Contributing members shall not be permitted to wear the badge or equipments of the company to which they are attached. Provided, that all persons who have served five years, or upwards, and who may be honorary members of the several companies, may wear the equipments of the company to which they belong, and shall not be included in the number to which, by the provisions of this section, the companies comprising the department are entitled."

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Dyer, Hand, Henry, Manuel, Penrose, Preston.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 7 ; nays 51.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend, to strike out all after "Section 23," and insert the following as the twenty-third section :

"That the ordinance, approved January 30th, 1855, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the amendment, by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

“That the ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled an ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department be, and the same is hereby repealed.”

Which was accepted.

The amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved a reconsideration of the seventeenth section.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend, to insert after “police officers,” “under the direction of the Mayor.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to reconsider the first section.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Hassinger.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Boric, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Enos, Freeman, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Manuel, Marsh, M‘Mullen, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bockius, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M‘Cleary, O‘Neill, Par-

ker, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And on the motion to suspend the rules, which forbid the reading of a bill twice upon the same day, and proceed to a third reading of the ordinance,

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, Mc'Cleary, Mc'Mullen, Parker, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Taylor, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Houseman, Manuel, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Steelling, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vaux.

Yeas 42 ; nays 18.

It was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and on the question, " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Winship.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius,

Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Parker, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Dunk, Dyer, Hand, Houseman, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Stevenson, Vanhorn.

Yeas 46 ; nays 14.

It was agreed to.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 5th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Manuel,
Barton,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bilyeu,	Miller, Andrew,
Bishop,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Moore,
Broomall,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M ^c Adams,
Bockius,	M ^c Cleary,
Bumm,	M ^c Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parham,
Conrad,	Parker,
Craven,	Patterson,
Davenport,	Peall,
Davis,	Penrose,
Dougherty,	Preston,
Duane,	Reed,
Dunk,	Ridgway,
Dyer,	Roberts, C. B.,
Enos,	Roberts, Spencer,
Freeman,	Roberts, T. J.,
Fuller,	Sandgran,
Gay,	Steelling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Green,	Vanhorn,
Hancock,	Vaux,
Hand,	Welsh,
Hassinger,	Willetts,
Henry,	Winship,
Houseman,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .
Levering,	

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to offer a resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to, offered the following :

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that Common Council will meet them in convention this afternoon, at five o'clock, for the purpose of electing

A Commissioner of City Property.

A Chief Commissioner of Highways.

A Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

A Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend, by adding, and "Commissioner of Markets."

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the hour.

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Houseman and Green.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos,

Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, M'Mullen, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willets, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS — Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 30 ; nays 39.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to suspend the regular order of business, for the purpose of taking up the ordinance to authorize a loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

Mr. Manuel

Moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill read a third time by its title.

Which was agreed to.

The bill having been read a third time, and on the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Gibson, M'Adams, Taylor.

Yeas 69; nays 3.

It was agreed to.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Willetts

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended to take up the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to remit or refund to tax-payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia," which had been made the special order for this day.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend, to strike out the word "and," between "first and second," and insert the words "and third," between "second" and "divisions," on the thirteenth line.

Mr. Willetts

Moved that the ordinance be referred to a special committee of five, to designate which are the rural districts, but subsequently withdrew the same.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed for the present.

Pending the consideration of which,

The President, Clerk, and members of Select Council were introduced, and took their seats in convention.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate and elect (*viva voce*) a Commissioner of City Property.

Mr. Henry nominated Paul Pohl.

Mr. Ridgway nominated George J. Hamilton.

Mr. Freeman nominated Robert A. Parrish.

Election—96 votes cast.

Common Council.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, McMullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Read, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer,) Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for George J. Hamilton.

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for George J. Hamilton.

In all 50 votes. Elected.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

36 voted for Paul Pohl.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Welsh, Wharton.

7 voted for Paul Pohl.

In all 43 votes.

Common Council.

Messrs. Freeman, Penrose, Vaux.

3 voted for R. A. Parrish.

George J. Hamilton having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Commissioner of City Property.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to nominate and vote for Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Mr. Bumm nominated Thomas Birch.

Mr. M'Cleary nominated Andrew J. Wester.

Mr. Hutchinson nominated Jacob W. Colladay.

Election—95 votes cast.

Common Council.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, McMullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Read, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

39 voted for Thomas Birch.

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Thomas Birch.

In all 53 votes. Elected.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

36 voted for Andrew J. Wester.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

6 voted for Andrew J. Wester.

In all 42 votes.

Thomas Birch having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Commissioner of Highways.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to nominate and elect a Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

Mr. Hand nominated Frederick Graeff.

Mr. Ridgway nominated Frederick Erdmann.

94 votes cast.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

39 voted for Frederick Graeff.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Hilles, Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Roberts, Welsh, Wharton.

10 voted for Frederick Graeff.

In all 49 votes. Elected.

Common Council.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for Frederick Erdmann.

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Knorr, M'Whorter, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Verree, *President*.

9 voted for Frederick Erdmann.

In all 45 votes.

Frederick Graeff having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate and elect a Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Bishop nominated James Horner.

Mr. Mascher nominated Joseph Hunneker.

Election.—96 votes cast.

Common Council.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Cheser, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

40 voted for James Horner.

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Welsh, Wharton, Verree, *President*.

16 voted for James Horner.

In all 56 votes. Elected.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr,

Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

35 voted for Joseph Hunneker.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis.

5 voted for Joseph Hunneker.

In all 40 votes.

James Horner having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

After which the Convention adjourned, and the members of Select Council retired to their Chamber.

Council then resumed the consideration of the ordinance.

The question being on the motion to postpone,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. Gibson, Patterson, Reed, Bumm, Boekius, Willetts, Brouse, Enos, Biddle and Gordon.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be put?"

It was agreed to.

The question being on the motion to postpone,

It was not agreed to.

The question now being on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hancock and Peall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Borie, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Peall, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Bishop, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 30.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts, (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy,

Patterson, Peall, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.)
Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 30; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the section,

It was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules which forbid the reading of a bill twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time by its title.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Moore, Murphy, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Craven, Dunk, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Levering, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher. Miller (J. Washington), Parham, Penrose, Ridgway, Sandgran, Stevenson.

Yeas 31; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to,

It requiring a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend the rules.

Select Council

 Informs this Council that they have non-concurred in the ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

On motion,

 Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 12th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Boric,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Hoppel,
Houseman,
Levering,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Moore,
Murphy,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Sandgran,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davenport

Presented a petition from the owners of property on Pritchett street, asking the introduction of water pipes in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Messrs. Fuller, Broomall, Ridgway, O'Neill and Bumm, each presented a petition from citizens, asking that the Wagner Free Institute of Science may have a permanent location, for a term of years, at the Spring Garden Hall, corner of Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Borie

Presented a petition from property-owners on Reed street, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be opened as far west as may be deemed expedient for the public benefit.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Winship

Presented a petition from members of the fire companies acting under the provisions of the ordinance for the better regulation of the Fire Department, asking Council to appoint stationary bell-ringers in the cupola of late Spring Garden Hall.

And upon the same being read, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition be referred to the Chief

Engineer of the Fire Department, with instructions to adopt such measures as may be necessary to enforce that portion of the ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department relating to the alarm bells, and also such other parts of said ordinance as are now being disregarded.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parker

Presented a petition from owners of property on both sides of Elbow lane, between Market and Chestnut streets, asking that said lane or alley may be repaved with a tramway on each side.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from John H. Scattergood, asking an appropriation to pay certain expenses occasioned by having a limb broken in the discharge of his duty, as one of the policemen of the Sixth Ward.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

Desired to have the communication from D. B. Haas, relative to taking up the railroad track running from the Reading Railroad along the Schuylkill River, and which had been referred to the Committee on Railroads at a former meeting, referred to the Committee on Highways.

The communication was so referred.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from the grocers, shopkeepers, and stall renters of the Second Ward, asking Councils to enact an ordinance to prevent the hawking about the streets of the City, fruits, vegetables, &c.

Mr. Freeman

Presented one of like import from the grocers, &c., of the Twelfth Ward.

Mr. King

Presented petitions of like import from the grocers, &c., of the Fourteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Mr. Conrad

Presented petitions of like import from grocers, &c., of the Second and Fourteenth Wards.

Mr. Ridgway

Presented petitions of like import from grocers, &c., of the Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented petitions of like import from grocers, &c., of the Second and Eighteenth Wards.

Which were read and severally referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Moore

Presented a petition from property holders on Eighth street, from Noble to Green streets, asking the construction of a culvert for the purpose of draining their cellars.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Conrad

Presented a petition from holders of property on Race street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, asking that water pipes may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a bill from John McBride, M. D., for professional services rendered to Thomas Haslam, policeman.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

Presented a petition from John Lentz, grocer, asking indemnification for injury sustained by him to his store goods on the night of July 6th, 1855, occasioned by obstructions, placed by authority of the City on the footways on the south of Franklin street, west of Fourth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Hope street, asking that said street may be re-paved immediately, between Phoenix and Master streets.

Also,

Presented a petition from citizens and property-holders of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Cumberland street, in the vicinity of the bridge over Gunner's Run Canal, may be paved as early as practicable.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from citizens, asking a reduction of the police force, and remonstrating against any increase of salaries of policemen and police officers.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a petition from owners of property on Frank-

lin avenue, late district of Kensington, asking to be refunded a portion of the money paid by them for paving said avenue.

Also,

Presented a communication from George J. Hamilton, offering his securities for the office of Commissioner of City Property.

Mr. Peall

Presented a communication from Edward C. Graeff, attorney for Tylee Allen and Philip Duffy, asking that an appropriation may be made for the payment of said parties for injury sustained to their property by the opening of Richmond street, between William and Ann streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hassinger

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents of Nicetown, Rising Sun, and vicinity thereof, asking that lamps may be placed on the east side of the Germantown Road, Twenty-third Ward.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from citizens, asking the construction of the bridge over the Schuylkill River at Chestnut street, as provided for by the recent supplement to the Consolidation Act.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

The President

Presented the following from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools:

PHILADELPHIA, July 11th, 1855.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday, July 10, 1855, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City be respectfully requested to make arrangement for the payment of teachers and other claims against this Board, passed to-day, amounting to \$92,748 18.

(From the minutes.)

R. J. HEMPHILL,
Secretary.

Also,

A communication from John M. Coleman, Receiver of Taxes, asking an appropriation of \$3,338 46, to pay for making out tax duplicates for the Aldermen, and also extra duplicates for the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, submitting the names of his securities.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the Solicitor.

Also,

Several communications from the Board of Health, relating to nuisances.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

The following communication from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools:

PHILADELPHIA, July 3, 1855.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Saturday, June 30th, 1855, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The Controllers of Public Schools have recently erected a school house in Shurs' lane, in Manayunk, and built their front wall and steps in accordance with the grade given by the late Surveyor, therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be requested to order the grade of Shurs' lane to be continued as laid down by the late Surveyor.

(From the minutes.)

R. J. HEMPHILL,
Secretary.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also, the following:

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, }
Philadelphia. }

(Extract from the minutes of the Guardians of the Poor July 2d, 1855.)

Resolved, That this Board make application to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia for an additional appropriation of seventy-five thousand and five hundred dollars for the balance of the year 1855, to be applied to the following objects:

For supplies, salaries, wages and incidental expenses of the	
House generally, - - - - -	\$37,000
For manufacturing department, - - - - -	2,500
“ farm, - - - - -	1,000
“ out-door relief, - - - - -	35,000
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Total, - - - - -	\$75,500

S. SNYDER LEIDY,
Secretary.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Poor.

Also,

A communication from I. Hazlehurst, City Solicitor, enclosing a communication received at his office from the Receiver of Taxes, relative to the registered taxes, in answer to a resolution of Council of the 28th ult.

Which was read, and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Winship, Biddle, Bumm, O'Neill and King.

Also,

A bill from Samuel Oakes, M. D., for salary as Vaccine Physician of the Fourteenth Ward. Amount \$12.50.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

The quarterly report of B. A. Shoemaker, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, comprising the number of fires occurring during that period, together with the condition of the apparatus of the several companies composing the department. (*Appendix No. 19.*)

Which was read.

Mr. Winship

Moved that 500 copies be printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Reports of Committees being in order,

Mr. Winship

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, to take up the ordinance "to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report, that in accordance with a resolution of Councils, passed May 31st, the Department of Highways advertised in the daily papers for proposals for cleansing by contract the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts for one year, and that the contracts have been awarded as follows, subject to the approval of Councils, viz. :

First District, comprising the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards, to John Schaffer, at \$12,284.

Third District, comprising the Thirteenth, Fourteenth Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, to Bechtel & Sowers, at \$11,000.

Fourth District, comprising the Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, to Robt. K. Abel, at \$12,000.

Fifth District, comprising the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, to David Harlan and Thomas Marks, at \$5,500.

A copy of the specifications and a copy of the form of the contract are also submitted.

The committee submit a resolution, and recommend that it be passed.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, July 12, 1855.

Resolved, That the contracts for cleansing the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts as reported by the Committee on Highways, be and the same are hereby approved.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hoppel, King, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Conrad, Dougherty, Freeman, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 24; nays 30.

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Presented a report in relation to the construction of a culvert in Moore street, west side of Swanson, to the west side of Ninth street, accompanied with the proposals for constructing the same. (*Appendix No. 18.*)

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Grayson,

It was referred to a special committee to make inquiry relative to the alterations alleged to have been made in the proposals.

The committee consisting of Messrs. Grayson, Barton, Bumm, Biddle, and Spencer Roberts.

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for two weeks.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a bill making an appropriation from the Girard Fund, for the payment of damages for the widening of Water street, in accordance with the will of Stephen Girard, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
GEO. A. BINDER,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, June 28th, 1855.

An ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain damages awarded to owners of property for injury thereto, caused by the widening of Water street, and to pay the expenses of the jury assessing the same.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report an ordinance fixing nine o'clock as the hour for closing the markets on Saturday nights, the object being to give the Department of Highways time to cleanse and wash them before Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
A. F. HOPPEL,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, July 7, 1855.

An ordinance to fix the hour at which the markets on Saturday afternoons shall close.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out nine o'clock and insert ten o'clock.

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Lane Schofield, asking that he may be paid the amount due him for work on culverts, on Schuylkill Sixth street and Girard avenue,

Report a bill providing for the payment of \$3008 17, being the amount agreed upon by the late Committee, after a full investigation of the case.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
W. H. STOKES.

Committee Room, July 7th, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the purpose therein mentioned.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to refer the ordinance back to the Committee, to report all the facts connected with the case to Councils.

Mr. Davis

Moved to amend to refer the same to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. King

Moved to amend the amendment, that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed for two weeks.

And subsequently withdrew the same.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend the amendment, to refer the ordinance to a special committee of five, to report all the facts connected therewith to this Chamber.

Which amendment to the amendment was agreed to, and

The President

Appointed Messrs. Gordon, Binder, King, Henry and Winship, as said Committee.

Also, the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report a resolution vacating Long lane, from Seventeenth street to Prime street, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Assembly, a copy of which is hereto annexed, as also, the agreement of the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
GEO. A. BINDER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
W. H. STOKES,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, July 5th, 1855.

A resolution relative to the vacation of Long lane.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby approve of the closing of a certain highway in the late district of Moyamensing, called Long lane, so far as the same is situate between Seventeenth and Prime streets, provided the conditions set forth in an Act of Assembly, approved April 5th, 1849, entitled "An Act to vacate Long lane, in the county of Philadelphia," &c., are complied with.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Manuel,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Gas beg leave to report the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for expenses incurred in lighting the City," and ask its adoption.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
Chairman.

J. L. HUTCHINSON,
A. G. WATERMAN,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
W. H. STOKES,
T. J. PERKINS,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
I. N. MARSELIS,
R. M. BERRY,
PIERCE BUTLER,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, June 12, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department have had under consideration an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department," and beg to report the annexed ordinance.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

W. S. WINSHIP,
JNO. M. WHORTER,
NATHAN HILLES,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE,
GEO. F. GORDON,
O. H. P. PARKER,
J. W. MILLER.

Committee Room, July 12, 1855.

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Welsh

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed and printed for the use of the members.

Which he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. Martin

Renewed the motion.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dougherty, Hand, Henry, Martin,

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 4 ; nays 53.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved to amend, to strike out all of the section except that portion relating to the Shiffler Hose.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Conrad, Dunk, Dyer, Enos,

Gibson, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Martin, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Treadwell, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend, to strike out the appropriation to the Shiffler Hose.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Winship:

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Hand, Henry, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, Patterson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gay, Gibson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Moore, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 14 ; nays 36.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and J. W. Miller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie,

Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Moore, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Vanhorn, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 38 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved that the rules be suspended which forbid the reading of bills twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time by its title.

On this motion the yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Miller (J. Washington), Moore, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Bremer, Butler, Conrad, Dougherty, Gay, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Vanhorn, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 36 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, and on the question, " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Miller (J. Washington), Moore, Murphy, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Roberts (C. B.) Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Dyer, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 41 ; nays 12.

It was agreed to.

So the bill was passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill, entitled " An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Mr. Hancock

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Binder, Borie, Brouse, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Gibson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Moore, Murphy, M'Cleary, Parham, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Broomall, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Parker, Patterson, Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 29; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 19th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.,	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bishop,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Broomall,	M'Adams,
Bockius,	M'Cleary,
Bumm,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parham,
Conrad,	Parker,
Craven,	Patterson,
Davenport,	Peall,
Davis,	Penrose,
Dunk,	Preston,
Dyer,	Reed,
Enos,	Ridgway,
Freeman,	Roberts, C. B.,
Fuller,	Roberts, Spencer,
Gay,	Sandgran,
Gibson,	Steelling,
Gordon,	Stevenson,
Green,	Taylor,
Hancock,	Treadwell,
Hand,	Vanhorn,
Hassinger,	Welsh,
Henry,	Willetts,
Houseman,	Winship,
Levering,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>

Mr. Hancock

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved a suspension of the regular order of business, to enable him to offer a resolution at this time.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, "and to present other resolutions."

Mr. Patterson

Moved to divide the motion.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the first division to suspend the rules,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall not be lawful for the Controller to pass any bill or claim that may be presented for the payment of Assessors of Wards wherein there is property known as agricultural or rural, unless the same is designated as such, and assessed according to the thirty-ninth section of the act consolidating the City of Philadelphia. Provided, that it shall be the duty of the City Commissioners, and they are hereby required to notify the Controller if the said Assessors have performed said duty according to law.

Which was read twice, and after some time spent in the consideration thereof,

Mr. Patterson

Moved the call of the previous question, and was sustained therein by the following gentlemen rising:

Messrs. Patterson, Biddle, Bockius, M'Cleary, Butler, Vanhorn, Enos, Martin, Davenport, Borie.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Davis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Enos, Freeman, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Bremer, Dyer, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Welsh.

Yeas 31 ; nays 25.

It was agreed to.

The main question being the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Bremer, Davenport, Dyer, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Green, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts

(Spencer), Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 22 ; nays 37.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City be, and he is hereby directed to make a full examination of the condition of the Suspension Bridge over the river Schuylkill, at Callowhill street, and to make a report of the same to Councils.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gay

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Inasmuch as the Board of Health, the past year, have repeatedly called upon the City Councils, requesting them to have Charlotte street paved, from Franklin avenue to Master street, and as this portion of that street, by reason of offensive matter passing from the yards of slaughter-houses and cow-stables, is, by all who have occasion to pass through it or reside in it, declared a nuisance ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to notify owners of property fronting on Charlotte street, between Franklin avenue and Master street, to curb and pave the side-ways, and that he proceed to pave the street immediately after the expiration of said notice.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted, and

The preamble was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The financial condition of the City on July 1st, 1855, was such as to prevent honest workmen employed in the service of the City, and our own police officers, from receiving the money due them, which has caused great loss and distress to them and their families.

And whereas, It is publicly known that the interest of the debts of the City has been paid by the bank, though there was not a sufficient sum in the said bank to the credit of the City to meet orders drawn prior to the 1st of July, 1855. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed, to ascertain whether any arrangement has been made by any officer or committee of the City with any bank or other institution, or private persons, in relation to advancing or loaning money to the City ; and if any arrangement has been made, what are the terms thereof, and by whom made. The Committee to report at the next stated meeting of this Council.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Fuller, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Murphy, McAdams, McCleary, O'Neill, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Broomall, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Levering, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), McMullen, Parham, Parker,

Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 21 ; nays 38.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled " An Ordinance to regulate the public printing and binding, and for other purposes," (*Appendix, No. 19,*) and moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled " An Ordinance to provide for the release of damages for opening streets, and for other purposes," (*see Appendix, No. 20,*) and moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we now proceed to elect three newspapers to publish the ordinances and such other matter required to be published, also to elect a printer to print and bind the Journal and other job printing.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration thereof,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Knorr.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Gay, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Mas-

cher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Broomall, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham Parker, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 31 ; nays 27.

It was agreed to.

The resolution was then read a second time, and being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Arose, and asked the indulgence of the Chair to occupy a seat opposite the President's desk, as he was unable to hear or be heard from the seat which he occupied.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that when any member desired to speak, he may occupy a stand in front of the President's desk.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Penrose.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Butler, Chester,

Freeman, Gay, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Paterson, Peall, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 33 ; nays 30.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented a report, (signed by all the members of the Committee,) showing the financial condition of the City. (*Appendix, No. 21.*)

Which was read and accepted.

Also,

Moved to proceed to the reading and consideration of Bill No. 3, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray the expenses of the Corporation."

Which was agreed to.

The bill was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

Mr. Bockius

Moved that the further consideration be postponed for the present.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, "to an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday next."

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Reed and Bumm,

Who subsequently withdrew the same, when

Mr. Reed

Moved that when this Council adjourn, it will be to

meet on Monday next, at three o'clock, and that the ordinance be made the special order of that day.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Presented a petition from citizens of the Ninth Ward, relative to withholding the annual appropriation from the Warren Hose Company by Councils, and asking the restoration of the same.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is admitted by all mankind that the name of all public benefits should be held in sacred remembrance ; *And whereas*, Jacob Steinmetz and other citizens have purchased a large tract of land, known as the Hunting Park Course, which has for many years been occupied as a race course, which gathered together large numbers of gamblers and other lawless people, to the great injury to the morals and evil example of the younger citizens, and these gentlemen having conveyed the said park, by a deed of gift, to the City of Philadelphia, for the use of a public park. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said park shall be named or called the Steinmetz Park, as a small testimonial of esteem due by the citizens of Philadelphia to Mr. Jacob Steinmetz and the other gentlemen, for the benefit they have conferred on the present and future generations.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on City Property.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia lately recovered a judgment in a suit brought in the District Court of the City and County of Philadelphia to December term, 1851, No. 1086, against Penrose Ash, for the sum of \$1204 16 and costs of suit ; *and whereas*, the hereinafter described tract of ground has been sold, for the purpose of paying off prior incumbrances against the same ; *and whereas*, the security of the City for the payment will be materially increased by the said sale, and the consequent reduction of the prior incumbrance and judgment against the said Ash.

Resolved, That the Mayor be directed, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered in the District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1852, on a suit brought to December term, A. D. 1851, No. 1086, in which the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia are plaintiffs, and Penrose Ash defendant, the following described property of the said defendant, namely : All that certain lot or piece of ground in the City of Philadelphia, late in the township of Passyunk, in the County of Philadelphia, beginning at a point on the west side of Broad street, in the middle of the London Company's road, thence along the middle of the said road, south eighty-three degrees, west fifty-six perches and seven-tenths of a perch to land now or late of John C. Stocker, thence by the said Stocker's land north ten degrees thirty minutes, west seventy-seven perches and thirty-six hundredths of a perch to Hollander's Creek, thence along Hollander's Creek the several courses thereof about one hundred and twenty-two perches to the west line of said Broad street, and thence southward along the west side thereof to the place of beginning, containing fifty-four acres and sixty-five perches more or less.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law, to report the facts to this Chamber.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from John Murphy and associates, asking Councils to grant them such privileges as may be necessary to enable them to construct and maintain, in the most efficient manner, a line of railroad for passengers, extending from the late District of Richmond to the Navy Yard, and

Moved that the petition be referred to a Special Committee of three from each Chamber.

Mr. Peall

Moved to amend, to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Which amendment was not agreed to.

The motion was agreed to,

And the President appointed Messrs. Gibson, Peall, and Andrew Miller said Committee, on the part of Common Council.

Select Council concurred,

And appointed Messrs. Roberts, Welsh, and Keyser, on the part of said Council.

Mr. Willetts

Moved to take up bill No. 7, Common Council file, entitled "An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax-payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia."

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the third reading and consideration of the bill, when

Mr. Hancock

Moved to refer the ordinance to a special committee.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend, to refer to a committee of one from each Ward containing rural districts.

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend the amendment, to refer the ordinance, and a substitute for the same (which he offered without reading) to a special committee.

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for special amendments, to wit: to strike out sixty-six and insert "fifty."

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend, to strike out "special" and insert "general."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Hancock.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs, Baker (A. J.) Binder, Dunk, Dyer, Gay, Green, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), M'Mullen, Penrose, Steelling, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spen-

cer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Stevenson,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs Stevenson and Treadwell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Craven, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (G. B.), Steelling, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Broomall, Boekius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Enos, Fuller, Green, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 22 ; nays 33.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of amending the bill by the following substitute :

SECTION 1. That the Receiver of Taxes shall remit from the assessment of any farm land, used for the purpose of cultivation or farming, within the agricultural or rural sections of the City, and returned as farm land by the proper assessor, under the 39th Section of the Act of the 2d February, 1854, entitled " A further supplement to an Act entitled ' An Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia,' " the sum of fifty cents of the whole City tax assessed at one hundred and fifty cents on the hundred dollars ; and it

shall be the duty of the said Receiver of Taxes to receive from each tax-payer for the said farm-land, the residue of the said tax, after making such remission, giving to such tax-payer a receipt in full therefor, expressing therein the amount of such deduction.

SECTION 2. That the Assessors of the proper Wards shall make returns, according to the thirty-ninth section of the said Act of the 2d February, 1854, of what properties are within agricultural and rural sections, used for the purpose of cultivation or farming; and no allowance of compensation shall be made to any Assessor who shall have failed to perform the duty so required by the said Act.

SECTION 3. In case any tax-payer shall have paid for such farm land within agricultural or rural sections of the said City the full amount of the tax assessed thereon for the present year, without any such remission, the amount which should have been so paid shall be refunded to such tax-payer; and the Controller, on the certificate thereof by the Receiver of Taxes, shall draw his warrant on the City Treasurer therefor.

SECTION 4. The Receiver of Taxes shall report to Councils the amount of the remissions so made.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Receiver of Taxes to furnish the Chief Engineer and Surveyor a list of the properties so returned as aforesaid, and the said Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall prepare and report to Councils a diagram of the agricultural or rural sections of the City so returned by the said Assessors; and he shall also report any error he may discover to have been committed in the returns so made.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Gay.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Dunk, Dyer, Gay, Green, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Mullen, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle,

Borie, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was read a third time by its title, and on the question " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Steelling.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Biddle, Borie, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Green, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Dunk, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hand, Henry, Houseman, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson.

Yeas 40 ; nays 16.

It was agreed to.

So the bill passed.

Mr. Craven

Moved to take up bill No. 11, Common Council file, entitled " An Ordinance to pay the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, to consider ordinance No. 3 on Common Council file, and other business, and that ordinance No. 3 be the order of the day.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Mr Andrew Miller

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,)
Philadelphia, July 19, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have signed and approved the following ordinances, viz :

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the expenses incurred in lighting the City.”

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.”

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.”

A resolution entitled “A Resolution relative to the vacation of Long lane.”

A Supplement to an Ordinance approved the 3d day

of May, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the granting of building permits."

A Resolution to authorize property holders to pave certain streets therein named.

An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain damages awarded to the owners of property, for injury thereto caused by the widening of Water street, and to pay the expenses of the jury assessing the same."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to take up an ordinance from Select Council on the President's desk, relative "to establishing street lines and curb heights in the First, Twenty-first, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards."

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have had under consideration a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for establishing street lines, and curb heights in the First, Twenty-first, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Which they have passed, and ask concurrence.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Bockius

Moved to include the "Twenty-second Ward."

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Bockius

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

MONDAY, July 23d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Houseman,
Baker, A. J.,	Levering,
Baker, Abraham,	King,
Barton,	Knorr,
Berry,	Manuel,
Biddle,	Marsh,
Binder,	Martin,
Bilyeu,	Mascher,
Bishop,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Moore,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Broomall,	M ^c Adams,
Brouse,	M ^c Cleary,
Bockius,	M ^c Mullen,
Bumm,	O'Neill,
Butler,	Parham,
Chester,	Parker,
Conrad,	Patterson,
Craven,	Penrose,
Davenport,	Preston,
Davis,	Reed,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Dunk,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dyer,	Roberts, Spencer,
Enos,	Roberts, T. J.,
Freeman,	Sandgran,
Fuller,	Steelling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Green,	Vanhorn,
Hancock,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Henry,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

Mr. Penrose

(On leave granted at this time) read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the disbursement of public or corporate money for banqueting, or the purchase of vinous, spirituous, or malt liquors, and for the use of the officers of the government," (*Appendix, No. 22,*) and moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 3, Common Council file, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation," which had been made the special order of the day.

The Clerk exhibited files of the Pennsylvania Inquirer and Daily Morning Times, as vouchers of the publication of the same.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Craven

Moved to amend, to strike out on line eleventh, "in the form prescribed by existing ordinances," and insert, "with coupon bonds attached, for the payment of interest, or shall specify that the sum of interest therein named is payable, free from all taxes;" and also strike out, on line thirteen, "and the said certificates shall be transferable at the office of the City Treasurer."

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed, to take up the ordinance, Select Council file No. 11, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance establishing and regulating the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City,'" passed August 29th, A. D. 1854.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out, on line six, the words "one million," and insert, "five hundred and thirty-five thousand."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the section as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. M'Cleary and Stevenson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 40 ; nays 30.

It was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

Mr. Biddle

Moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill read a third time by its title.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for general amendments.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Reed.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Marsh, Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Dougherty, Dyer, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 38 ; nays 32.

Which was agreed to.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the bill, (Mr. Hassinger in the chair,) and after some time spent therein, the Committee arose and reported the bill with amendments.

Which report was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and on the question, " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair.

And were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, M'Mullen,

Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 46 ; nays 22.

It was not agreed to,

It requiring two-thirds of all the members to pass the bill.

On motion,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, July 26th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baker, A. J.,	Messrs. Levering,
Baker, Abraham,	King,
Barton,	Knorr,
Berry,	Manuel,
Biddle,	Marsh,
Binder,	Martin,
Bishop,	Mascher,
Borie,	Miller, Andrew,
Bremer,	Miller, J. Washington,
Broomall,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M'Adams,
Bockius,	M'Cleary,
Bumm,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parker,
Conrad,	Patterson,
Craven,	Peall,
Davenport,	Preston,
Davis,	Reed,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Dyer,	Roberts, C. B.,
Enos,	Roberts, Spencer,
Freeman,	Roberts, T. J.,
Fuller,	Sandgran,
Gay,	Steelling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Green,	Vanhorn,
Hancock,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Houseman,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>

Mr. Davenport

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the resolution, relative to members occupying a stand in front of the President's desk, whilst speaking, (page 304 of the Journal,) was adopted.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a suspension of the rules, for the purpose of considering the ordinance from Select Council, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance establishing and regulating the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, "and to consider other business on the President's desk."

Which amendment was accepted.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance establishing and regulating the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City,'" passed August 29th, A. D., 1854.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of said bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Willetts

Moved to amend, to strike out "three" and insert "four," for the Twenty-third Ward, on line twenty.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Berry

Moved to amend, to strike out "miscellaneous clerk, whose salary shall be eight hundred dollars per annum."

Which was ruled out of order.

The question being on the adoption of the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Davis, Dougherty, Enos, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willets, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh,

McMullen, O'Neill, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Sandgran, Stevenson.

Yeas 36 ; nays 25.

It was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

And on the question to suspend the rules, and proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Grayson and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Boric, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Hand, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McAdams, McCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willets, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Grayson, Green, Houseman, McMullen, Parker, Preston, Sandgran.

Yeas 43 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, considered, and passed.

Mr. Biddle

Moved that Select Council be notified to meet this Council this afternoon, at five o'clock, for the purpose of electing four Commissioners of Highways, and a Superintendent of City Railroads.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to strike out "four," and insert "six."

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend the amendment by adding, "and to elect a Commissioner of Market Houses."

Mr. Bunn

Moved to postpone to this day two weeks.

Which was ruled out of order.

Mr. Houseman

Moved to postpone the consideration of the whole subject.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reed

Moved to take up the bill, Common Council File, No. 11, entitled "An ordinance to pay the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Reed and Bunn.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Broomall, Bockius, Bunn, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Levering, Manuel, Parker, Patterson, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Barton, Bremer, Brouse, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Dyer, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Preston, Rob-

erts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 28 ; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the resolution relative to drawing a warrant in favor of John Quincy Adams, with the following amendment, to wit :

“ And that the Clerk of Select Council be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Samuel Wallace for \$75, for services as Clerk in the case of the contested election of the sitting member from the Fifteenth Ward, and a warrant in favor of Jacob Smith, Messenger, for \$25, for services in said case.

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Messrs. O'Neill and Barton,

Severally arose and asked permission to record their votes on the final passage of the bill, entitled “ An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray the expenses of the Corporation,” which had been considered on Monday last, and upon the same being granted, recorded the same in the negative.

Select Council

Informs this Council that the President has appointed the following Committees of Visitation to Girard College, for 1855-6, to wit :

June — Messrs. Perkins, (Chairman,) Cornman, McWhorter, Stokes, Kline and Caldwell.

July—Messrs. Welsh, Wainwright, Duffee, Wharton, Ashton and Higgins.

August—Messrs. Roberts, (Chairman,) Selby, Knorr, Marselis, Beideman and Hagner.

September—Messrs. Hilles, Keyser, Miller, Hutchinson, Stokes and Caldwell.

October—Messrs. Wainwright, (Chairman,) Waterman, McWhorter, Miller, Higgins and Kline.

November—Messrs. Cornman, Knorr, Perkins, Duffee, Ashton and Hagner.

December—Messrs. Welsh, (Chairman,) Selby, Wharton, Roberts, Marselis and Beideman.

January—Messrs. Stokes, Wainwright, Hilles, Keyser, Caldwell and Hutchinson.

February—Messrs. Stokes, (Chairman,) Hutchinson, Miller, Knorr, Kline and Hagner.

March—Messrs. Duffee, Waterman, Roberts, Hilles, Ashton and Higgins.

April—Messrs. McWhorter, (Chairman,) Welsh, Cornman, Keyser, Beideman and Marselis.

May—Messrs. Selby, Perkins, Wharton, Wainwright, Kline and Ashton.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolution granting permission to lay water pipes.

Resolved, That the Engineer of the Watering Department be, and he is hereby authorized to grant permission to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to lay water pipes two inches in diameter, and connect with the main on Market street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, subject to the usual requirements.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

And the title was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to notify the owners of property on Lobos alley, running north from Walnut street, between

Fourth and Fifth streets, to re-set the curb, and re-pave the same.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the attention of the Police Committee be called, at the earliest practicable moment, to the petition of J. H. Scattergood, asking relief for injuries done him in the discharge of his duty as a Police officer, and presented to this Council on the 17th May.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance :

“ An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance, entitled ‘ An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators.’ ”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading, when

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for the present, and subsequently withdrew the same.

On motion,

The rules were suspended, and

The bill was then read the third time by its title and passed.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance:

“An Ordinance to provide for the paving of Delaware avenue, between Market and South streets, with cubical blocks, and to make an appropriation therefor.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Chester

Moved to amend, to strike out “blocks of cubical stone,” and insert “cubical blocks of stone.”

Which amendment was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire into the policy of the City Government continuing the inspection of tobacco, and report thereon, with such information as they may be able to obtain bearing on the subject, whether the warehouse can be more profitably employed than at present; and, also, whether any or all of the City property on Dock street can be disposed of on favorable terms, and all other property vested in the City not held in trust, and not required for authorized public purposes.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance, to wit:

“An Ordinance to provide for the sale of certain real estate vested in the City of Philadelphia.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Thomas J. Roberts

Moved to amend, to strike out on line thirty-five, “lot and hall, Germantown.”

Mr. King

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out on line twenty-eight, “lot and hall on Spring Garden street.”

Mr. Patterson

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill, and refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That six thousand dollars be transferred from appropriation to Norris Square, and place the same, say Jefferson Square four thousand dollars, and Hunting Park two thousand dollars.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways, Sewers, &c., be requested to inquire into the propriety of having further precautionary measures adopted to prevent, and in

case of occurrence, to extinguish fires at the Market street bridge, the safety of that structure being of immense importance to the interests of the City."

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to notify the owners of property bounding thereon, to curb and pave the following private alleys, to wit: Lobos alley, running north from Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and an alley running north from Race street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.

Which was read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to lay the resolution on the table, and proceed to the consideration of an ordinance which he desired to read in place.

Which was ruled out of order.

The resolution was then read the second time, considered and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to report a bill dedicating Lemon Hill to public use as a Park.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to insert "inquire into and," between the words "to," and "report," and to strike out "a bill," and insert "upon the expediency of."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby required to give notice to the tenant in occupancy of Lemon Hill to surrender possession of the premises to the City, so soon as said notice can be served in compliance with the provisions of the lease.

Which was read twice.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Binder.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Brouse, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Grayson, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Patterson, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Boric, Bremer, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Fuller, Hassinger, Levering, Mascher, Miller, (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh.

Yeas 30; nays 21.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Asked the courtesy of the Chamber to present an ordinance (in place) at this time.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Health having notified Councils that several of the streets hereinafter named are declared to be nuisances, for want of being paved ; *and whereas*, the stone required for the paving of all the following named streets has been purchased during the past spring, and is now encumbering the sidewalks thereof, to remove which a considerable expense would have to be incurred ; *and whereas*, the expense of paving the same will soon be returned to the treasury ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City be, and they are hereby directed to notify the owners, and to pave the following streets, to wit :

Carlisle street, from Poplar to Parrish streets.

Wood street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth, and from Twenty-first to Twenty-third streets.

Middle alley, from Pearl to Carlton streets.

Ogden street, from Fifteenth to Carlisle streets.

Jackson street, from Brown to Parrish streets.

Twenty-third street, from Brown to Parrish streets.

Parrish street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fourth streets.

Girard avenue, from Thirteenth to Broad streets.

Ontario street, from Girard avenue south about two hundred feet.

Jefferson street, from Tenth to Eleventh streets.

Tenth street, from Jefferson street south about one hundred feet.

Hazel street, from Front to Second streets.

Reed street, from Seventh street to Passyunk road.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, Levering, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mc'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), McCleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Winship.

Yeas 35 ; nays 18.

It was agreed to.

And the preamble was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to proceed to the consideration of general business.

Which was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, under the supervision of the Committee on Highways, be instructed to prepare a system of street nomenclature, to the end that no two or more streets or avenues shall bear the same name, and no street or avenue have more than one name, and report by ordinance at as early a day as practicable.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following substitute as the tenth Joint Rule of Councils, and ask concurrence, to wit:

RULE 10. The reports of all Joint Committees shall be in writing, and be made by any member of either branch, as may be directed by the Chairman of the Committee.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike out the words, "the Chairman of the."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the rule as amended was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance, to wit:

"A Supplement to an ordinance, approved March 1st, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance relating to wagons, carts, drays and barrows.'"

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike out all on the third line, after the word "kind," to the word "shall," in the fourth line.

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the section as amended,

It was not agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance, to wit :

“ An Ordinance to appropriate a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-first Ward for a public burial-place.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike out all after the word “strangers.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

The President

(On leave granted) presented a communication from the Hon. Wm. Bigler, President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, without reading.

Also,

(On leave granted) presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the securities of George J. Hamilton, Commissioner of City Property, and James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves

and Landings, have examined into the same, and offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

JAMES DAVENPORT,
JAMES C. HAND,
W. C. PATTERSON,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. O. KLINE,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, July 26, 1855.

Resolved, That David Cramer and David Duncan be accepted as securities for Geo. J. Hamilton, Commissioner of City Property, and Paul J. Field and William Copeland as securities for James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, and the Solicitor be directed to draw the requisite bond.

Which was twice read, considered, and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

Chairman of Committee on Surveys, on leave granted, offered "An Ordinance re-organizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the District Surveyors and Regulators," and moved the same be printed for the use of members. (*See Appendix, No. 23.*)

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

(On leave granted) offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday next, at three o'clock, and that Select Council be informed that we will meet them in convention on that day, at four o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing four

Commissioners of Highways, Commissioner of Markets, and Superintendent of City Railroad.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council non-concurred.

Mr. M'Adams

(On leave granted) presented a petition from property-owners on Columbia street, asking Councils to make an appropriation for the payment of damages for opening of said street to George Brinton, trustee of Mary C. Philips, for \$750, with certificate of court annexed.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hassinger

(On leave granted) offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the first division of the Twenty-third Ward is now without a place of voting, in consequence of that part of the division in which the election-house was located having been attached to the Nineteenth Ward by the Act, entitled "A Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia," approved the 21st day of April, 1855, hereafter the elections shall be held in said division at the house of David Coughlin, Fox Chase Inn, Germantown Road.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Abraham Baker

(On leave granted) presented a petition of sundry citizens of Ninth Ward, organizing themselves into a hose company, (styled the Tivoli Hose Company,) asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. M'Cleary

(On leave granted) offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council meet, in course of next week, every afternoon, at three o'clock, excepting Saturday, for the purpose of considering the Police, Highways, and other bills on our desks.

Which was read twice.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to amend to strike out "three o'clock," and insert "six and a half o'clock."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. McCleary and Biddle.

Which were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Gay, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Brouse, Conrad, Craven, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Houseman, King, M'Adams, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 21.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Butler, Gordon, Levering, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), McAdams, McCleary, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (J. Washington), Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 15; nays 33.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

(On leave granted) offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, In consequence of insufficient culverting in that portion of the City lying between Green street and Girard avenue, and Third and Broad streets, a very large amount of valuable private property, variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$60,000, has been destroyed by inundation from surface drainage, at various periods, but more particularly during the recent heavy rain which swept over our City last week. Therefore,

Resolved, That the President appoint a Special Committee of three, who, in connection with the President of the Board of Surveyors, shall make careful and thorough inquiry into the causes and most practicable means to remedy the frequent freshets along the line of the Parrish street culvert, and report to this Chamber at the earliest day.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Steelling, Taylor and Binder on said Committee.

Mr. Davenport

(On leave granted) presented a petition, numerously

signed, remonstrating against the passage of any ordinance prohibiting the hawking of vegetables, &c.

Mr. Gibson

Presented one of like import.

Mr. Welsh

Presented one of like import.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Markets, without reading.

Mr. Houseman

(On leave granted) presented a bill of Thomas S. Stewart and others, for surveying Passyunk, according to the Act of Assembly.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A petition from property-owners on Hazel street, between Front and Second, asking Councils to pave said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Sandgran

(On leave granted) presented a petition from property holders on Fifth, Sixth, M'Kean and Mifflin streets, and Church street, from Reed to Dickerson streets, requesting Councils to direct the Chief Commissioners of Highways to give the necessary three months' notice to the owners of property through or along which said streets may pass, in accordance with the seventh section of the supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Patterson

(On leave granted) presented a bill of Eli K. Price for services as member of the late County Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

(On leave granted) presented a petition from the voters of the first and second divisions of the Twenty-second Ward, asking Councils to place them all in one division, and hold their election at the public house of Joseph Scott, at Branchtown.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Borie

(On leave granted) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Lieutenants of Police be instructed to grant the use of the cells of the different station houses to the ward constables to confine their prisoners in.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Police.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker, seconded by Mr. Borie,

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation," was lost.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the motion to reconsider,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Knorr,

Manuel, Marsh, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Biddle, Brouse, Dougherty, Hassinger, Levering, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 38; nays 12.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Moved the further consideration thereof be postponed, and that it be made the order of the day for this day two weeks.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend by striking out "two," and inserting "ten."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the amendment, to indefinitely postpone the same.

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Winship.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend the amendment, to postpone for one week.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Biddle, Borie, Brouse,

Dougherty, Fuller, Hassinger, Levering, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M^cAdams, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 33; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

And the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion,

Council adjourned.

MONDAY, July 30th. 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baker, A. J.,	Messrs. King,
Baker, Abraham,	Knorr,
Barton,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Bilyeu,	Mascher,
Borie,	Miller, Andrew,
Bremer,	Moore,
Broomall,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M'Cleary,
Bockius,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parker,
Conrad,	Patterson,
Davenport,	Peall,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Dunk,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Roberts, T. J.,
Enos,	Stevenson,
Gibson,	Taylor,
Gordon,	Treadwell,
Grayson,	Welsh,
Green,	Willetts,
Hand,	Winship,
Hassinger,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .
Houseman,	

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the construction of vaults under the streets, and to provide for the enforcement of useful regulations during the time of such construction."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out the words, on lines fifth and sixth, "and to direct what distance the same may be dug under any of the streets or highways."

Which was agreed to.

Also,

To amend, to strike out all from the word "Provided," on sixth line, to "street," on the eighth line.

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out, on third line, the words "two dollars," and insert "fifty cents."

Mr. Peall

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Marsh.

But before the same was ordered,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the bill.

Which was agreed to.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole (Mr. Willetts in the chair) on the consideration of the bill, and after some time spent therein, the Committee arose, and reported the same with sundry amendments.

The report was accepted.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

(On leave granted) read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance organizing the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, approved July 28th, 1854." (*Appendix, No. 24.*)

Mr. Houseman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that it be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend the motion by adding, "and made the special order for Wednesday next."

Which was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution annexed to the report of the Committee of Highways, (on page 286 of the Journal,) relating to the contracts for cleansing the streets of the City.

Mr. Gordon

Arose to a point of order, which being stated is, "That the resolution being voted on, when the question of proceeding to a second reading being lost, the whole matter fell, and therefore cannot be called up again, the whole matter being by such vote lost."

The President

Decided the point well taken, and ruled the motion out of order.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the release of a certain lot of ground from a charge thereon imposed by the will of Bernard M'Mahon."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Biddle

Moved to postpone, and refer the ordinance to the Committee on Law from this Chamber.

Which was agreed to.

The President

(At the suggestion of Mr. Patterson) re-considered his decision on the point of order taken by Mr. Gordon, relative to the motion of Mr. Gibson, he having made such decision under the impression that the resolution had been on second reading, and therefore decided the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Gibson

Moved a suspension of the rules, to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the resolution annexed to the report of the Committee on Highways, relative to contracting for the cleansing of the streets of the City. (Page 286, Journal.)

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and T. J. Roberts.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Murphy, McCleary, McMullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Berry, Conrad, Dunk, Green, Miller (Andrew).

Yeas 40 ; nays 6.

It was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That the contracts for cleansing the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, as reported by the Committee on Highways, be, and the same are hereby approved, when

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend, by substituting the following in lieu thereof, to wit :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he hereby is directed and required to contract with Smith, Seckels & Co., to clean and keep clean all the paved streets or cartways, courts and alleys, embraced in sanitary Districts Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, for the term of one year.

The said contract to be made according to the proposals and specifications already submitted by the said Smith, Seckels & Co., to the said Commissioners, and to include all the work therein specified, and in which the said Smith, Seckels & Co., are to use the machine invented for that purpose.

Provided, That the said Smith, Seckels & Co., shall agree to do the said work at and for the lowest prices or sums at which other persons have offered to do the same, without the use of such machines ; and provided also, that the said Smith, Seckels & Co., shall agree that the Councils shall have the right to vacate such contract whenever in their judgment, the said Smith, Seckels & Co., shall fail to comply with the said contract, and that in such case the said Smith, Seckels & Co., shall pay all damages which may be incurred by reason of such failure.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the substitute,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Barton, Biddle, Borie,

Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Dougherty, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), McCleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (Spencer), Taylor, Treadwell, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, O'Neill, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Willetts.

Yeas 28 ; nays 19.

It was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Abraham Myers, late Superintendent of Gas in the late District of Spring Garden, is hereby authorized and empowered, under the superintendence of the Committee on Gas, to employ a number of persons, not exceeding fifty, as lamp-cleaners and fillers, at the rates heretofore allowed, until the Trustees of the Gas Works shall take charge of and superintend the cleaning and filling of said lamps ; and that the persons not exceeding fifty, who have been employed as lamp-cleaners and fillers, since the first day of March, 1855, be paid at the same rate as the persons employed under the joint resolution of January 11, 1855 : *provided*, that the accounts of the persons so employed, be examined and found correct by the Committee on Gas.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Winship

(On leave granted) offering the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, of the monies daily received by him as Treasurer, not connected with any trust, to pay the whole amount thereof, in satisfaction of the warrants drawn in favor of the female teachers of the Public Schools, until the same

shall be fully satisfied, and to make no other payments from said monies until the amount thus required shall be paid out or set apart for that purpose : and that the Secretary of the Controllers of the Public Schools be requested to furnish the City Treasurer with a statement of such warrants, and their amount.

Which was read, and declared out of order.

Mr. Houseman

(On leave granted) presented two bills from Joseph Peri and Bartholomew Gray, for surveying Passyunk, according to the Act of Assembly.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance, without reading.

Mr. Martin

(On leave granted) offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby directed to procure a sufficient amount of stationery for the use of the members.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Peall

Moved to amend, by adding, "and also a copy of Sutherland's Manual for each member."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

And the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

(On leave granted) presented a petition from Gustavus G. Logan and others, trustees for the estate known as "Stenton," in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the streets may be laid out and marked, upon that part of the plan of the Twenty-second Ward embracing their property.

Which was referred to the Committee on Surveys, without reading.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following bill, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to enter into a contract with the Reading Railroad Company for the construction of a certain bridge."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out "Committee on Highways" and insert "Councils."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Also,

Informs that they have concurred in the amendment made by this Council to the resolution relative to dedicating Lemon Hill to public use as a park.

Also,

Have concurred in the amendments made to Joint Rule 10.

Also,

Have concurred in the amendments made to the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the paving of Delaware avenue, between Market and South streets, with cubical blocks, and to make an appropriation thereof."

Mr. Biddle

(On leave granted) presented a bill from George Cubler, for damages sustained to his property by the bursting of a pipe in Poplar near Twenty-fifth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Gordon

(On leave granted) read in place and presented to the chair a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the sizes of Market Baskets."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend, to strike out "hucksters" and insert "farmers."

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. McCleary

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, July 31st, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baker, A. J.,	Messrs. Houseman,
Baker, Abraham,	King,
Barton,	Knorr,
Berry,	Manuel,
Biddle,	Marsh,
Bishop,	Martin,
Borie,	Mascher,
Bremer,	Miller, Andrew,
Broomall,	Murphy,
Bockius,	M'Cleary,
Bumm,	O'Neill,
Butler,	Parham,
Chester,	Parker,
Conrad,	Patterson,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Duane,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dunk,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Roberts, T. J.,
Enos,	Stevenson,
Freeman,	Taylor,
Gay,	Treadwell,
Gibson,	Vanhorn,
Gordon,	Welsh,
Green,	Willets,
Hand,	Winship,
Hassinger,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

The first business in order being the consideration of the ordinance to regulate the size of market baskets, and the question being on agreeing to the amendment to strike out "hucksters" and insert "farmers,"

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Parker.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Houseman, Manuel, Parker, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 30 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules to take up bill No. 14, Select Council File.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a division of the motion.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the first division, "to suspend the rules,"

It was agreed to.

The ordinance was then read, to wit:

“An Ordinance to provide for the purchase of certain lots of ground for public school purposes.”

Which was ruled out of order at the present time.

Mr. Winslip

Moved that the Journal be corrected on page 284, wherein the name of Mr. Bunn appears instead of that of Mr. Duane, as one of a special committee appointed on a communication received from the City Solicitor.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have non-concurred in the following amendments to the bill, entitled “An Ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large in the City of Philadelphia,” viz.:

Non-concurred in amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14.

And have concurred in amendments Nos. 4, 9 and 12.

And have amended the amendment No. 6, in section second, fifth line, to strike out the word “that;” also, to strike out the word “that,” in the sixth line.

They also non-concurred in striking out the word “shall,” in the sixth line of said section.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that this Council insist on their amendments, and that the President proceed to appoint a Committee of Conference.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham),

Barton, Biddle, Boric, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, Mc'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Dunk, Dyer, Gordon, Green, Hand, Houseman, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer,) Treadwell, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 34; nays 15.

Which was agreed to.

And the President appointed Messrs. Patterson, King and Hassinger as said Committee.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes and heads of Departments, except the Department of Gas, shall receive the orders or warrants for money on the City Treasurer in payment as cash.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend the same, by offering as a substitute a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the financial relief of the people," as a substitute in lieu thereof, to wit:

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that on and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Receivers of Taxes and Water Rents (and it is hereby made the duty of each of the above-named departments) to receive in payment of taxes or water rents the warrants of the City, duly attested by the proper officers.

SECTION 2. The object of this ordinance being to make all warrants issued by the City as evidence of debt for wages, material, or work executed, a legal tender in all the

departments of the City Government where monies are received, it is therefore further provided, that all the departments (except the Department of Gas) shall receive as cash, in payment of demands due their respective departments, such City warrants as are entitled to be paid on presentation at the office of the City Treasurer.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, from the heads of the several departments, such warrants as may, by virtue of this ordinance, be received in the said departments.

Which amendment was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

And after some time spent thereon,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved a call of the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Enos, Gibson, Duane, Manuel, Mascher, Ridgway, Gay, Martin and Treadwell.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Chester, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Manuel, Mascher, Murphy, O'Neill, Roberts (Spencer), Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham).

Berry, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Conrad, Duane, Dunk, Gay, Green, Hand, Hassinger, King, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), McCleary, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts.

Yeas 20 ; nays 27.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance organizing the Department of City Property, approved April 29th, 1854."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Willetts

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That elections in the twelfth election division of the Twenty-third Ward, shall hereafter be held at the house of Elijah Hoffman, in the village of Smithfield.

Which was twice read, and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Borie

Moved to take up the ordinance, Select Council File, No. 3.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of signs, awnings and awning-posts."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Welsh

Moved to amend, to add after the word "sign," "less than seven feet six inches in the clear from said pavement."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hand

Moved to amend, to strike out on line four, "on any foot pavement."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Duane

Moved to amend, to strike out the word "July" where it occurs, and insert "September."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, to strike out the word "iron," on the third line.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, by adding the following proviso :

Provided that it shall not prevent the repair of any awning-posts of the same material as those now in use."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The fourth section being under consideration,

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to amend, to add to the section "to extend no more than four feet six inches from the line of said building."

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend by adding at the end of the section, "and provided that it shall not prevent keepers of public houses from having the same signs as heretofore."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the amendment by adding after "keepers of public houses," "and clothing stores."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

And the question recurring on the adoption of the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Dyer, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Knorr, Manuel.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham),

Barton, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Hassinger, King, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 12; nays 36.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Offered the following in lieu of section four :

SECTION 4. That on and after the 18th of November, 1855, all wooden posts now used for awning purposes shall be removed by the owners thereof, and iron substituted in place, which iron posts shall not be less than nine feet high.

Which was ruled out of order.

Section fifth (now fourth) was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the third section was agreed to.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following as section sixth (now fifth) :

“That so much of any ordinance as is inconsistent herewith, be, and the same is hereby repealed.”

Which was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

On motion,

The rules were suspended, and the bill read a third time.

And on the question, " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham,) Barton, Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Green, Hand, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew,) Murphy, Parker, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bunm, Gordon, Mascher, O'Neill.

Yeas 40; nays 4.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gordon, Green, Hand, Marsh, Parker, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gibson, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, McCleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 20; nays 23.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That a special Committee of three be ap-

pointed to inquire by what authority workmen are now engaged in cutting and otherwise destroying the roof on the market house in Shippen street, between Third and Fourth streets, and report to Councils on Wednesday afternoon next.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

And the President appointed Messrs. Gibson, Andrew Miller and Dougherty, as said Committee.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to take up the bill, Common Council File, No. 8, entitled "An Ordinance to limit the expenses of the City."

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

On motion,

Council adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1st, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Houseman,
Levering,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Moore,
Murphy,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Mr. Gibson

Presented the following report :

To the President and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee appointed by resolution, passed yesterday, July 30th, authorizing the appointment of a Committee to inquire by what authority certain workmen were engaged in cutting and otherwise destroying the roof of the Market-house in Shippen street, between Third and Fourth streets, ask leave to report,

That the work is being performed by a gas-fitter, under the orders of Mr. Abraham Myers, Superintendant of the Spring Garden Gas Works, and that the workmen made a mistake in cutting the roof in the absence of the gas-fitter, he having left the City for a short time ; we, therefore, submit the following resolution.

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES M. GIBSON,
ANDREW MILLER,
M. J. DOUGHERTY.

August 1st, 1855.

Resolved, That the person or persons engaged in the transaction submitted in the foregoing report be, and they are hereby required to put the roof on the Market-house in Shippen street, between Third and Fifth streets, in the same order in which they found it, and if they refuse so to do, the Commissioner of Markets shall proceed forthwith to have said roof repaired at their expense ; and the Committee are hereby continued to see this resolution carried into effect, with full power to take any legal measure that they may deem necessary for that purpose.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be requested to bring in a bill, making the annual

appropriation to the companies composing the department, in accordance with the ordinance organizing the Fire Department.

Which was read.

And on the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby authorized (under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts) to purchase three thousand feet of hose, and place the same in such parts of the City as he may deem public interests require.

Which was read.

And on the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be authorized, on behalf of the Corporation, to stipulate and agree with Thos. J. Natt and others, that if they permit the pipes for the conveyance of water to be laid through their property, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, no advantage will be claimed or alleged against said parties by reason of such permission; and any claim which they may have against the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, shall be and remain as if such permission had never been given or such pipes laid.

Which was read twice, considered and agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller :

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Aug. 1st, 1855. }

To the Common Council of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with an ordinance, passed July 25th, 1854, entitled “An Ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of the City Controller,” I am required by the sixth section thereof to report to your honorable body upon the discovery of any default or delinquency, on the part of any officer of the City, who shall collect, receive, or disburse the public monies, or who are charged with the management or custody thereof. Permit me, therefore, to notify your honorable body that Mr. Edward Shaine, late Collector of City Rental, is a defaulter to the amount of eleven hundred and thirty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents.

The said collector was appointed by John Diehl, Esq., Commissioner of City Property, and in accordance with the ordinance regulating the department of City Property, Mr. John Diehl is responsible to the City for the above amount.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

JOHN N. HENDERSON,
City Controller.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Chester,

Chairman of the Special Committee to whom were referred the various petitions and remonstrances in favor of, and against a reduction of the police force, presented a report, with resolution annexed. (*Appendix, No. 25.*)

Mr. O'Neill, (from the same committee,)

Presented a minority report with resolutions annexed. (*Appendix No. 25.*)

Which were read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and that Council proceed to the consideration of the orders of the day.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Grayson,

Council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, (Mr. Hassinger in the Chair,) on the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Ordinance organizing the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, approved July 28, 1854," which had been made the special order of the day, and after some time spent therein, the Committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and the bill made the order of the day for Friday next.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bumm,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Aug. 2d, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Levering,
Baker, A. J.,	King,
Baker, Abraham,	Knorr,
Barton,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bilyeu,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Miller, Hiram,
Bremer,	Miller, J. Washington,
Broomall,	Moore,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Bockius,	M'Adams,
Bumm,	M'Cleary,
Butler,	M'Mullen,
Chester,	O'Neill,
Conrad,	Parham,
Davenport,	Parker,
Dougherty,	Patterson,
Duane,	Peall,
Dunk,	Preston,
Dyer,	Ridgway,
Enos,	Roberts, C. B.,
Freeman,	Roberts, Spencer,
Fuller,	Roberts, T. J.,
Gay,	Sandgran,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Green,	Vanhorn,
Hancock,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Houseman,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Borie

Presented a petition from citizens, remonstrating against the passage of any ordinance prohibiting the hawking of vegetables, &c.

Mr. Parham

Presented one of like import.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Presented one of like import.

Mr Andrew Miller

Presented one of like import.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Markets, without reading.

Mr. Winship

Presented a petition from residents in Butler place and vicinity, asking that a lamp may be placed therein.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Broomall

Presented a petition from citizens, asking the grant for a term of years of the free use of the hall at the northwest corner of Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, to the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

Mr. King

Presented one of like import.

Mr. Dyer

Presented one of like import.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on City Property, without reading.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from property-holders on Walnut street, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the water pipes may be laid on said street, west of Chestnut avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Mr. King

Presented a communication from Saml. Allen, Sheriff, calling the early attention of Councils to that portion of the Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia, whereby it is made the duty of the Select and Common Councils to designate the place of holding the elections, in the several election divisions of the wards in said City, &c.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from citizens of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, asking the construction of a culvert over the Cohocksink Creek, from Sixth street to Front, in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented one of like import from citizens of Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from citizens in the first precinct

of the Seventeenth Ward, remonstrating against the change of the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

Mr. Bunam

Presented a petition from citizens of the third precinct, Seventeenth Ward, asking the removal of the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from property-holders on Allen street, above Marlborough, asking that an attachment of gas with the public lamps may be made in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Girard avenue, calling attention to the necessity of constructing a culvert along Franklin street, from Girard avenue to Thompson street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Stiles street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth streets, asking that they may be authorized to lay water-pipes in, and pave said square, under the superintendence of the proper officers of the City.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Cass street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth streets, asking that they may be authorized to lay water-pipes in, and pave said

square, under the superintendence of the proper officers of the City.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Also,

Presented a communication from the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. (*Appendix, No. 26.*)

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from inhabitants of the late Borough of Manayunk, Twenty-first Ward, asking that the streets of said borough may be surveyed and graded.

Which was referred to the Committee on Surveys, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from property-holders of the late Borough of Manayunk, (Lower Ward,) asking that Apple street, in said borough, may be located from Cedar street to Shurr's lane.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from the Trustees of the Reformed Dutch Church, located in Cotton street, Manayunk, Twenty-first Ward, asking the erection of a gas post and lamp opposite said church.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Dyer

Presented a communication from John Neff, soliciting

a re-election to the office of Superintendent of the City Railroad.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Presented a petition from citizens of the first and second precincts of the Twenty-second Ward, remonstrating against a change in the place of holding the elections in said precincts.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Mr. Bockius

Presented a petition from citizens, asking a reduction of the police force, and remonstrating against any increase of salaries of policemen and police officers.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. M'Mullen

Presented a petition from property-owners on Adams street, (Frankford,) Twenty-third Ward, calling the attention of Councils to the condition of said street, and asking the enactment of an ordinance providing for the grading, curbing and paving of the sidewalks of the same.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from property-owners in Twenty-fourth Ward, calling attention to the condition of Haverford street at the Insane Hospital.

Also,

Presented a memorial from citizens and residents of the Twenty-fourth Ward, calling attention to the bad condition of Walnut street, between Margaretta and Moore streets, in said ward.

Also,

Presented a petition from property-holders on Chestnut

street, west of Rose street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, calling attention to the present unfinished state of the culvert on said streets.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property on Pratt street, Twenty-fourth Ward, calling attention to the bad condition of said street, between Wyoming and Logan streets.

Also,

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property on Thirty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, remonstrating against widening said street from fifty to sixty feet.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented a petition from members of fire companies acting under the provisions of the ordinance for the better regulation of the Fire Department, asking the appointment of stationary bell-ringers in the cupola of the hall at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, under similar regulations as those at the State House steeple.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, without reading.

The President

Presented a communication from J. R. Flanigan, relative to a bill for advertising a list of persons who had neglected to pay their taxes, as per order of the Receiver of Taxes.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Presented a communication from Erastus Poulson.

Secretary to the Board of Managers of the House of Correction and Employment, accompanied with a report of the Committee and plans adopted by the Board.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Manuel,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas Works beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for certain expenses connected with the lighting of the City," and ask its adoption.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
R. M. BERRY,
T. J. PERKINS,
M. H. TREADWELL,
I. N. MARSELIS,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY.

Committee Room, Aug. 2, 1855.

" An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for certain expenses connected with the lighting of the City."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., report an ordinance to extend a culvert on Wood street, west of Thirteenth street, about one hundred feet, the owner of the property (Mr. George Cadwalader) agreeing to pay the cost thereof, and the annexed charge fixed by ordinance for the use thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
B. R. MILLER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, Aug. 2, 1855.

“An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert in Wood street.”

Section first was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was submitted by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, the annexed communication from Mr. Kucass, Chief Engineer and Surveyor, (*see Appendix, No. 27.*) relative to the condition of the bridge across the Schuylkill, at Market street, deem

the subject to be one requiring immediate attention; they therefore submit the annexed resolution, and recommend that it be passed.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
B. R. MILLER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, August 2, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to take immediate measures to repair and protect the bridge over the Schuylkill, at Market street, in accordance with the suggestions of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Which was read twice, considered and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred by Councils a communication from the attorney of the owners of property at the foot of Wood street, in the Eighteenth Ward, complaining of a nuisance caused by the want of surface drainage at that point,

Respectfully report, that the same nuisance has been complained of by the Board of Health and by the Lehigh Coal Company, and can only be remedied by a culvert of about two hundred feet in length on Queen street, to extend from Wood to Ash streets, which should be made forthwith, otherwise suits for damages will be commenced against the City.

A report in favor of this culvert was made, May 24th, and postponed, and a copy of the ordinance is herewith

again presented, with an urgent recommendation that it be passed without delay.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, Aug. 2, 1855.

“An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a culvert in Queen street, from Ash to Wood streets, in the Eighteenth Ward.”

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Chester,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred the application of owners of property on the Delaware, south of the Navy Yard, asking that the wharf lines be established, so as to enable them to build wharves, report:

That they have given the subject a careful consideration, and as Councils have directed the Board of Surveyors to report a wharf line, they would recommend that the Board of Surveyors report a wharf line south of the Navy Yard, as soon as practicable.

The Committee would also state that while engaged on the subject above referred to, their attention was called to Wharf street as confirmed on the plan of the late district of

Southwark. On said plan, Wharf street is laid down the width of fifty feet.

The Committee would recommend that the plan above mentioned be so altered as to make Wharf street the width of eighty feet, below the Navy Yard.

WILLIAM M. BAIRD,
SAMUEL C. WILLETTS,
JOSEPH L. CHESTER,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALEX. MARTIN.

Committee Room, July 12, 1855.

Mr. Green,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred sundry bills, have approved of the following, and request that the same be referred, to wit:

Bill of Robert Ferguson, for one month's salary as Superintendent of the Gas Works, (late Borough of Frankford,) for the month of January last, amounting to \$63 75, and request that the same be referred to the Committee on Gas.

Bill of William T. Doyle for \$179 11, being the balance due him for building the bridge on Sixth street over Gunner's Run, and request that the same be referred to the Chief Commissioner of Highways for payment.

Bill of Edward L. Spain, for surveying done in the Nineteenth Ward for the Law Department, amounting to \$212 50, which was also certified to by the Solicitor as correct, and request that the same be referred to the Com-

mittee on Finance, to be placed in the ordinance now before them, making an appropriation to the Law Department.

A. W. GREEN,
Chairman.

T. W. HIGGINS,
W. B. R. SELBY,
GEO. M. SANDGRAN,
T. J. PERKINS,
THOS. MARSH,
G. M. WHARTON.

Committee Room, June 28, 1855.

Mr. Gordon,

From the Committee on Markets, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition of Jane Miller, asking Councils to re-consider the resolution by which the Commissioner of Markets was directed to stop building a shed at the end of Franklin avenue Market, on the east side of Second street, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully ask Councils to repeal the same, as the shed is not on the end of the market where the railroad passes, and does not obstruct the view of any person. (See Common Council Journal, page 95.)

GEO. F. GORDON,
Chairman.

WM. M. PARHAM,
NICHOLAS BROUSE,
W. H. STOKES,
DOMINICK MURPHY,
THOS. DAVIS,
C. S. DUNK,
JOHN K. KNORR,
J. L. HUTCHINSON.

Committee Room, June 28, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Gordon

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner on Markets be, and he is hereby authorized to complete the work already begun on the shed at the end of Franklin avenue Market.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, by adding, " provided it does not obstruct the foot pavement."

Which amendment was accepted.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are directed to confer with the County Revenue Board, at their earliest convenience, for the purpose of equalizing the tax to be levied for the ensuing year.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Mr. Parker

(On leave granted) presented a communication from Messrs. Phillips and Robinson, relative to the contract for the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, stating that they were progressing to the completion of the same, and requesting Councils to make some provision for the payment thereof, according to the terms of the contract.

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Parker,

Council proceeded to consider the bill, entitled " An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph."

The Clerk exhibited files of the *Evening Bulletin* and *Daily News*, as vouchers of the publication of the same.

The bill was then read a second time.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to insert after the word "hereafter,"
"by ordinance specifically."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, to strike out the words, on line three, "road damages assessed and to be assessed," and on lines eight and nine, to strike out "one hundred thousand" and insert "thirty-six thousand three hundred."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the section as amended,

It was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

On motion,

The rules were suspended, and the bill read a third time.

And on the question, "Shall this bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Houseman, Lev-

ering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), McAdams, McMullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Hancock, Martin, Mascher, Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Stevenson, Taylor.

Yeas 53 ; nays 11.

It was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Freeman,

Council proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being a bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof, and,

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out "five hundred and thirty-five thousand," and insert "one million."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and made the special order of the day for next Thursday, but subsequently withdrew the same.

The question being on agreeing to the section as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and Patterson.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall,

Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 34; nays 34.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the Clerk, under the direction of the President, correct the Journal, page 348, upon the point of order taken by Mr. Gordon.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill, Common Council File, No. 15, entitled "An Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the District Surveyors and Regulators."

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the bill, (Mr. Gordon in the chair,) and after some time spent therein, the Committee arose and reported the bill with amendments.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration thereof.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that when we adjourn, we will adjourn to meet to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock.

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to amend, to strike out "to-morrow," and insert "next Thursday."

Which was ruled out of order.

The question being on agreeing to the motion,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Manuel.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Duane, Fuller, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Murphy, Mc Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Bunm,

Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 26 ; nays 28.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman,

From the Committee on Law, presented the following report :

The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the matter of the release of a certain judgment held by the City of Philadelphia against Penrose Ash, District Court, December Term, 1851, No. 1086, beg leave to report that they have taken the subject into consideration, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, and beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolution.

J. L. HUTCHINSON,
Chairman.

W. O. KLINE,
JAMES A. FREEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
T. W. HIGGINS,
HENRY T. KING,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE.

Committee Room, Aug. 2, 1855.

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia lately recovered a judgment in a suit brought in the District Court of the City of Philadelphia, December Term, 1851, No. 1086, against Penrose Ash, for the sum of \$1204 16 and costs of suit ; *and whereas*, the hereinafter described tract of ground has been sold, for the purpose of paying off prior incumbrances against the same ; *and whereas*, the security of the City for the payment will be materially increased by the said sale, and the consequent reduction of the prior incumbrance and judgment against the said Ash.

Be it enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, and it is hereby resolved,

That the Mayor be directed, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered in the District Court, for the City and County of Philadelphia, on the 10th day of January, A. D., 1852, on a suit brought to the December term, A. D., 1851, No. 1086, in which the Mayor, Alderman, and Citizens of Philadelphia are plaintiffs, and Penrose Ash, defendant, the following described property of the said defendant, namely: All that certain lot or piece of ground in the City of Philadelphia, late in the Township of Passyunk, in the County of Philadelphia, beginning at a point on the west side of Broad street in the middle of the London Company's road, thence along the middle of the said road south eighty-three degrees, west fifty-six perches and seven-tenths of a perch, to land now or late of John C. Stocker, thence by the said Stocker's land north ten degrees thirty minutes, west seventy-seven perches and thirty-six hundredths of a perch to Hollander's Creek, thence along Hollander's Creek the several courses thereof about one hundred and twenty-two perches to the west line of said Broad street, and thence southward along the west side thereof to the place of beginning, containing fifty-four acres and sixty-five perches more or less.

Which was read, when

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. McCleary and Knorr.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Hand, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Binder, Borie, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering,

King, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship.

Yeas 27 ; nays 29.

The resolution was ordered to be read a second time, when

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved to postpone the further consideration for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a call of the House.

Which was agreed to.

The roll was then called, when the following members answered to their names, viz :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Binder, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Millier (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*—38.

The Clerk announced thirty-eight members present and thirty-nine absent.

Which was not a quorum.

Mr. Conrad

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to proceed after the absent members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a call of the House.

Which was agreed to.

The roll was then called, when a quorum of members answered to their names, viz :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Binder, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, McAdams, McCleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*—39.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Council meet in course of next week, every afternoon at 3 o'clock, excepting Friday and Saturday, for the purpose of considering reform and other bills.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Conrad and McCleary.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Levering, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, McCleary, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Binder, Chester, Conrad, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Hancock, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, McAdams, Parker, Stevenson, Willetts.

Yeas 22; nays 17.

It was agreed to.

The resolution was read a second time, when

Mr. M'Cleary

Moved to modify the resolution by striking out "for the purpose of considering reform and other bills."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a call of the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. Patterson, Peall, Biddle, M'Cleary, Baird, Winship, Mascher, Knorr, Borie, Gay.

The previous question being the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Biddle and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Hancock, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Adams, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Sandgran, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 25; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution which had been postponed.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was then read a second time, considered and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

On motion,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 9, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Houseman,
Baker, A. J.,	Levering,
Baker, Abraham,	King,
Barton,	Knorr,
Berry,	Manuel,
Biddle,	Marsh,
Binder,	Martin,
Bilyeu,	Mascher,
Boric,	Miller, Andrew,
Bremer,	Miller, Hiram,
Broomall,	Miller, J. Washington,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Bumm,	M'Adams,
Butler,	M'Cleary,
Chester,	M'Mullen,
Conrad,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Parham,
Davenport,	Parker,
Davis,	Patterson,
Dougherty,	Peall,
Duane,	Preston,
Dunk,	Reed,
Dyer,	Ridgway,
Enos,	Roberts, C. B.,
Freeman,	Roberts, Spencer,
Fuller,	Sandgran,
Gay,	Stevenson,
Gibson,	Taylor,
Gordon,	Treadwell,
Grayson,	Vanhorn,
Green,	Welsh,
Hancock,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Henry,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>
Hoppel,	

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Seventeenth street, between Fitzwater and Carpenter, asking that said street may be paved.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Christian street, between Seventeenth street and Gray's Ferry Road, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

Presented a petition from residents in the vicinity of Tenth and Anita streets, calling attention to the necessity of having a crossing to run from the north side of Lafayette street to the south side of Anita street.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

A memorial from property-holders and business men residing in the vicinity of Third and Shippen streets, asking for the removal of the buildings now erected on the eastern end of Washington market, considering the same as at present occupied nuisances, which should be abated.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented a petition from property owners and residents on Christian and Kates streets, from Thirteenth to Broad street, asking the introduction of the gas pipes into said streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from citizens of the Third and Fourth Wards, calling attention to the large number of vicious dogs running at large at this season of the year, in said Wards, and asking that the said nuisance may be abated.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from citizens complaining of the inconvenience to which they are subjected from not having the use of Gray's Ferry bridge, occasioned by the needless delay in making repairs thereto.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

Presented a communication from P. A. Fagen, asking that interest may be allowed him upon order against the City, from the date of the same until it is paid.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from property owners in the vicinity of Madison and Sheaff streets, asking the construction of a sewer, for the proper drainage of their cellars, &c.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Freeman

Presented a petition from citizens and owners of real estate, lying northeast of Alleghany avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that an allowance on the City tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars, may be made in

the section referred to, as well as in all other rural districts where the land is devoted to farming purposes.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a petition from citizens residing within the bounds of the fourth election precinct of the Eleventh Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Craven

Presented a petition from firemen residing in the old District of Spring Garden, asking the appointment of stationary bell-ringers in the cupola of the hall at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Washington street, between Broad and Sixteenth streets, asking that the water pipes may be laid on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Twenty-second street, from Coates to Washington, and on Washington, from Twenty-second to Twenty-first street, asking the introduction of gas pipes on said streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas, without reading.

Mr. Vanhorn

Presented a petition from owners of property on Cal-

lowhill, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, asking the construction of a culvert on said square, for the purpose of drainage to their cellars, &c.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Presented a petition from property owners on Charlotte street, south of Franklin avenue, asking that the water pipes may be laid on said street, from Franklin avenue to Canal street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Franklin avenue, in the vicinity of Apple and Third streets, remonstrating against narrowing the middle of said street where the market houses are eventually to be built, and asking to have the paving of the street so directed, that the four inlets at Fourth and Franklin streets, will take all the water from heavy rains.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a communication from Henry Mooney, Clerk of the market in the Eleventh Ward, relative to the proposed reduction in the salary of the said clerk of the markets.

Mr. Green

Presented a petition from renters of stalls in the markets, asking that Councils may by ordinance regulate the occupancy of said stalls, so that they may not be subletted.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from voters in the fourth precinct of the Twentieth Ward, asking a change in the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Also,

Presented a petition from voters of the eighth precinct of the Twentieth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Mr. Dyer

Presented a petition from property-holders residing in the southern end of the Twenty-first Ward, representing that many are now ready to build houses, but owing to the street lines and curb heights not being regulated, they are compelled to let their material lay at a great loss on the open lots, and

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the ordinance "to provide for establishing street lines and curb heights in the First, Twenty-first, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards."

Which was agreed to.

The ordinance being on second reading, and the amendment of Mr. Bockius, (offered at a previous meeting,) to wit, to include the Twenty-second Ward, being under consideration,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike from the section all but that portion relating to the lower section of the Twenty-first Ward.

And subsequently withdrew the same.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, and refer the ordinance to a special committee.

And subsequently withdrew the same.

The section was then agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Offered the following as a second section.

SECTION 2.—And the following rates shall be charged:

All lots 18 feet front and under,	- - -	\$3 00
From 18 to 25,	- - - - -	4 00
“ 25 to 35,	- - - - -	5 00
“ 35 to 50,	- - - - -	6 00
“ 50 to 75,	- - - - -	7 00
“ 75 to 100,	- - - - -	8 00

When two or more buildings are placed upon one lot, the line of each must be obtained from the Surveyor, and a record made of the same; and the compensation for running each extra line for said buildings shall be one dollar and fifty cents.

For giving curb heights for buildings, on each lot of the above dimensions, two dollars.

Setting curb stakes, all lots under one hundred feet front, three dollars.

Over one hundred feet front, two cents for each additional foot.

And when a surveyor is engaged in making and laying out a town plot, his compensation shall be five dollars per day, while actually engaged, and for all public work done for the City; and one dollar per day for each rodman, provided there is not more than two.

Which was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Houseman

Moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of offering a resolution.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend "to suspend the rules generally."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Then offered the following resolution :

Resolution to provide for the endorsement by the City Treasurer, of all warrants on the Treasury, and for the payment of six per cent. interest on such warrants.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to endorse all warrants properly countersigned by the Controller, that are drawn upon the City Treasurer, with his name and date of presentation, and that all such warrants shall be entitled to interest from the date of said endorsement, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, when there shall not have been in the Treasury of the City, money to pay said warrants on presentation.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, and offered the following as a substitute :

Whereas, The Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia

has not at the present time funds sufficient to pay all the warrants drawn upon him by the City Controller, and

Whereas, Some of the holders of such warrants may be unjustly preferred in the payment of warrants, to the great prejudice and inconvenience of other creditors of the City.

Resolved, That the City Controller be, and he is hereby required to endorse upon each warrant heretofore drawn and countersigned by him upon the City Treasurer, and which shall remain unpaid upon its presentation to him for such purpose, a number corresponding to the precedence of such presentation ; and that he endorse upon every warrant hereafter to be countersigned by him, a number corresponding to the order of its countersignature by him ; and that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby required to pay the said warrants in the order of the numbers endorsed upon them respectively, and that no warrant drawn upon the City Treasurer shall be paid by him until all warrants prior in number to the said warrant shall have been paid by him, or unless a sum sufficient for the payment of all warrants prior in number as aforesaid shall remain for such purpose in the City Treasury.

On the question of agreeing to the substitute,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Duane, Gay, Henry, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Barton, Biddle, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Hoppel, Houseman, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller, (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Preston, Ridg-

way, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 51.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, by adding the following proviso :

Provided, That all such orders so endorsed shall be paid in the order of their respective numbers, as soon as there is money in the treasury to meet them. The Controller shall furnish to the Treasurer the numbers and amount of all orders, as soon as they are countersigned by him; and the Treasurer shall give notice in two newspapers having the largest circulation each day, of the orders, designating them by their numbers, that can be paid on the day of the appearance of such notice, and from the appearance of such public notice, the interest on all orders designated therein shall cease.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding the following as a further proviso :

“And provided also, That no order or warrant shall bear interest, unless it is in the possession and ownership of its original holder or party, to whom it was issued at the time of endorsement.”

Mr. Patterson

Submitted that the resolution was not in order, inasmuch as it was virtually a loan bill, and therefore required an ordinance, which would require a two-third vote to pass the same.

The Chair

Ruled the resolution in order, as in his opinion it could not be considered a loan bill.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Craven.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 36 ; nays 31.

It was agreed to, and

The title was agreed to.

Mr. Treadwell

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that Common Council will be ready this afternoon to meet them in convention, at a quarter past five o'clock, to elect one Commissioner of Markets, one Superintendent of City Railroads, and four Commissioners of Public Highways.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend by adding, "and two Trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Works."

Which was accepted.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. King

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Poor be instructed to inquire as to the propriety of establishing a Department of Poor, which shall abolish the Board of Guardians, and place the department under the control of officers to be elected by the Select and Common Councils, and if such a department be deemed needful, then to report to Councils an ordinance to establish the same.

Which was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Patterson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, at 3 P. M.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration thereof,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Brouse, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport,

Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 37.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on Seventh street, from Reed to Franklin, Fifteenth street from Cedar to Fitzwater, Sixteenth street from Cedar to Catharine, Fitzwater street from Fifteenth to Eighteenth, Shippen from Fifteenth to Seventeenth, and Silbert street, from Tenth to Eleventh, be and they are hereby authorized to have said streets paved, provided that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and provided further, that the City shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the intersections thereof.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend by adding the following streets in the Twentieth Ward, viz :

Clinton street, from Girard avenue to Thompson street.

Mervine street, from Thompson to Montgomery street.

Which amendment was accepted.

And the resolution as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the accompanying bill, entitled " An ordinance to make an appro-

priation for the use of the Trustees of the Ice Boat," and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
JOHN WELSH,
JAMES C. HAND,
W. B. R. SELBY,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,

Committee Room, July 19, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gordon

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be requested to visit and examine the City Ice Boat, and report as to the expediency of altering and arranging the Ice Boat so that it may be used in cases of fire, and also as a river police station.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, report to Councils that they have accepted and approved of the

following fire companies, to wit: Warren Hose Company, Tivoli Hose Company, and the Humane Hose Company.

Also,

Have passed the following bill, entitled "An ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned," and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

JOHN MCWHORTER,
NATHAN HILLES,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
J. W. MILLER,
JOHN K. KNORR,
JOHN WELSH,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
O. H. P. PARKER.

Committee Room, August 9, 1855.

They also offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Councils approve and accept the services of the Humane, Tivoli, Warren, and United Hose Companies.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property fronting on the

following named streets be required to curb and pave the footways in conformity to an ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expense thereof; viz:

Twentieth street, between Callowhill and Parrish streets.

Twenty-first street, between Callowhill and Coates streets.

Twenty-second street, between Callowhill and Parrish streets.

Twenty-third street, between Callowhill and Brown streets.

Eighteenth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and Coates street.

Fifteenth street, between Hamilton and Ridge avenue.

Sixteenth street, between Coates and Ridge avenue.

Hamilton street, between Fifteenth and Callowhill streets.

Fairview street, between Broad and Twentieth streets.

Spring Garden street, between Eighteenth and Twenty-fifth streets.

Centre street, between Fifteenth and Twenty-third streets.

Washington street, between Fifteenth and Twentieth streets.

Washington street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-third streets.

Wallace street, between Sixteenth and Nineteenth, and between Twenty-first and Twenty-third streets.

North street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Springet street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Pratt street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fifth streets.

Brown street, between Fifteenth and Francis, and Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets, and between Nineteenth and Corinthian avenue.

Poplar street, between Nineteenth and Corinthian avenue.

West street, between Coates and Parrish streets.

Becket street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Taylor street, between Pratt and Brown streets.

Nineteenth street, between Coates street and Ridge avenue.

Thompson street, between Sixth and Broad streets.

Columbia avenue, between Seventh and Broad streets.

Oxford street, between Sixth and Eighth, and between Tenth and Broad streets.

Marshall street, between Thompson and Oxford streets.

Twelfth street, from Stiles street to Columbia avenue.

Mervine street, from Thompson to Montgomery streets.

Which was twice read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Biddle

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the reduction of the salaries of certain officers." (*Appendix, No. 27.*)

And on the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, "and that it be made the special order of the day for Thursday next."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Enos

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chamber now proceed to consider the resolution (on Journal, page 210,) for the adoption of a plan for a bridge over the Schuylkill River, at Chestnut street.

Which was read twice and not agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

(On leave granted) read an affidavit of Mr. Moran, relative to a speech delivered by him, charging him with being a partner of Mr. Sickels at the time said Moran was a member of Common Council, which he denies.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Special Committee to inquire and report by what authority John M. Coleman, the Receiver of Taxes, employs counsel not connected with the Law Department of the City, &c., presented a report, (*Appendix, No. 28,*) with the following resolutions annexed, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Receiver of Taxes be requested to hand over forthwith to the City Solicitor, for collection, all claims for unpaid registered taxes.

2. *Resolved*, That the City Solicitor be requested to take the earliest means of compliance with the joint resolution of Councils of January 25, 1855, upon the subject of collecting the taxes remaining due and unpaid for the year 1853, and previous thereto.

3. *Resolved*, That this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which were severally twice read, considered and adopted.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance report back to Councils the bill of E. L. Spain for \$212 50, for making out and filing liens for the Nineteenth Ward, with a negative recommendation, as the Committee are of the opinion that the services charged for should have been performed in the Solicitor's office.

Also,

They have appointed a committee of three, under the

resolution adopted by Councils, directing the Committee to confer with the County Board of Revision at their earliest convenience for the purpose of equalizing the tax to be levied for the ensuing year.

Committee consists of Messrs. Craven, Keyser and Patterson.

Also,

Report negative as to the petition of the Kingsessing and Tinicum Meadow Company, asking a reduction of the tax on their land.

Also,

Report back the petition of S. T. Bodine, referred by Select Council, claiming damages for the opening of Columbia avenue, as no certificate accompanies the petition; and that the petitioner be requested to go into court and obtain the necessary certificate.

Also,

Report negative as to the ordinance referred by this Council, entitled "An Ordinance for the financial relief of the people."

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

W. B. R. SELBY,
W. C. PATTERSON,
JNO. WELSH,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
W. O. KLINE,
J. F. KNORR,
JAMES DAVENPORT.

Committee Room, Aug. 9th, 1855.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Peall

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to have all the metallic street signs or index

plates, now lying in Commissioners' Hall, Richmond, placed upon the corners of the streets in said District.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to have two or more gas lamps placed upon the bridge crossing Gunner's Run Canal at Queen street (Eighteenth Ward.)

Which was twice read, and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following resolution, relative to the re-numbering of houses :

Resolved, By Select and Common Councils, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to furnish to each landlord or owner of house, houses or property situated upon any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the City of Philadelphia, a written copy of the correct number, to which such house or property is entitled ; and that each landlord or owner shall, within sixty days after the passage hereof, cause a painted, carved or cast copy of such number to be placed in a conspicuous place upon such house or property, in a permanent and durable manner. And that such landlord or owner shall, for every neglect in having said house or property numbered, in the manner and within the time hereinbefore specified, forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recoverable as debts of like amount are now recoverable by law, to be appropriated to the use of the City.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to report to the Solicitor, all landlords or owners of property who shall have failed to comply with the above resolution. And it shall be the duty of the Solicitor to collect the said sum of five dollars for each and every offence.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed, in making out the proper numbers for said houses, to commence with No. 1, at the northeast corner of High street, in all streets running north from that street, with No. 200 at the northwest corner of Mulberry, No.

300 at the northwest corner of Sassafras, and so on for each successive square north of High street; in like manner with No. 1 at the southeast corner of High street, with No. 200 at the southwest corner of Chestnut street, No. 300 at the southwest corner of Walnut street, and so on for all streets running south of High street.

And for all streets running east and west, he shall commence with No. 1 at the northeast corner of the terminus of such street, provided said terminus be at or east of Front street; with No. 200 at the southwest corner of Second, No. 300 at the southwest corner of Third street, and so on westward.

And for all streets running at right angles with High street, but not terminating in, or crossing the same, the said Commissioner shall commence the re-numbering of the houses in the same manner as if such streets did actually extend to High street; thus, if the southern terminus of such street be at Mulberry, he shall commence with No. 200; if at Sassafras, with No. 300, &c., and in a like manner for all streets running in a southern direction from, and at right angles with High street.

And, also, for all streets running east and west but not having their eastern terminus at or east of Front street; thus, if the eastern terminus of such street be at Second street, he shall commence with No. 200; if at Third street, with No. 300, &c.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration thereof,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had passed the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be requested to submit to this Chamber at the next meeting, the plan prepared by the Chief Surveyor, relating to the cross-

ing of the Reading Railroad, which plan he was directed to prepare under a resolution of this Chamber of May 31st last.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Joint resolution authorizing the widening of Thirty-fifth street.

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors be, and they are hereby instructed to alter the lines so as to change the width of Thirty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, from fifty to sixty feet, as laid down by the Surveyor on the plan of the third division of the general survey of the late district of West Philadelphia, and in accordance with the width of all the other streets contained north from the late village of Hamilton to that of Mantua.

Which was twice read, and on motion of

Mr. Enos,

Referred to the Committee on Surveys, &c.

Also,

Informed that they have rejected the following bills :

“A supplement to an ordinance establishing the Department of Market houses, approved the 19th day of October, 1854.”

“An ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.”

Also,

Informed that they insist on their amendments to the bill entitled “An ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large in the City of Philadelphia.”

And have appointed a committee of conference on the said bill, consisting of Messrs. Cornman, Wainwright and Marselis, of the Select Council.

Mr. Binder

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby directed to report an ordinance at the next stated meeting, making an appropriation to pay the sum of seventy-five dollars to French and Richards, paid by them for water they are not using.

Which was twice read, and not agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to proceed to the consideration of an ordinance, Select Council File, No. 6.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon,

Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the claim of Lane Schofield, presented a report. (*Appendix 29.*)

The Clerk proceeded to the reading of the same, when

The President, clerks and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in convention,

The President

Stated the object thereof.

The first business being the election of Commissioner of Market Houses.

Charles C. Wilson having been nominated,

The Convention then proceeded to ballot.

When the Clerk reported 49 votes had been cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

In all 49 votes.

There not being a quorum voting, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), McMullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

In all 50 votes.

There not being a quorum present, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

The Clerk reported that 51 votes had been cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

37 voted for Charles C. Wilson.

In all 51 votes.

There being a quorum voting, and Charles C. Wilson having received all the votes, he was declared duly elected Commissioner of Market Houses.

The convention then proceeded to the election of Superintendent of City Railroads.

The Clerks reported 89 votes cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for John Neff.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for John Neff.

In all 49 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

7 voted for Charles D. James.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Boric, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

33 voted for Charles D. James.

In all 40 votes.

John Neff having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of City Railroads.

The convention then proceeded to an election for four Commissioners of Highways.

The clerks reported 89 votes had been cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Wharton, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Frederick Emhardt.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for Frederick Emhardt.

In all 51 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for George Myers.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for George Myers.

In all 50 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Charles M'Cowan.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for Charles M'Cowan.

In all 49 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Verree, *President*.

11 voted for Miller N. Everly.

Common Council.

Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel,

Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

31 voted for Miller N. Everly.

In all 42 votes.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Hutchinson, Kline, Marselis, Waterman.

8 voted for Alexander Gwin.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

37 voted for Alexander Gwin.

In all 45 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Higgins, Hilles, Kline, Marselis, Welsh, Wharton.

8 voted for Jeremiah Nichuals.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington,) Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaulhorn, Welsh, Winship.

33 voted for Jeremiah Nichuals.

In all 41 votes.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

7 voted for James Wallace.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for James Wallace.

In all 39 votes.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Higgins, Hilles, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

7 voted for George S. Lare.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for George S. Lare..

In all 39 votes.

Frederick Emhardt, George Myers, Charles M'Cowan, and Alexander Gwin having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Commissioners of Highways.

The convention then proceeded to an election for two Trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Works.

The Clerks reported 88 votes cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Wharton, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Charles M. Wagner.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for Charles M. Wagner.

In all 50 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hilles, Hutchinson, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

13 voted for Robert P. Gillingham.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for Robert P. Gillingham.

In all 48 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Higgins, Hilles, Kline, Marselis, Welsh, Wharton.

8 voted for James Landy.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

30 voted for James Landy.

In all 38 votes.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis.

6 voted for George F. Goodman.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

32 voted for George F. Goodman.

In all 38 votes.

Common Council.

Messrs. Patterson and Vanhorn voted for Charles V. Hagner.

Charles M. Wagner and Robert P. Gillingham having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Works.

Having accomplished the object for which the convention met,

Select Council retired to their Chamber, and

On motion,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Aug. 16th, 1855.

Council met.

The President being absent, on motion of

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

Mr. Willetts was called to the chair.

Present—

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Henry,
Baker, A. J.,	Houseman,
Baker, Abraham,	Levering,
Barton,	King,
Berry,	Manuel,
Biddle,	Marsh,
Binder,	Martin,
Bilyeu,	Mascher,
Bishop,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Miller, Hiram,
Bremer,	Miller, J. Washington,
Broomall,	Moore,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Bockius,	M'Cleary,
Bumm,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parham,
Conrad,	Parker,
Craven,	Patterson,
Davenport,	Preston,
Davis,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dougherty,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Roberts, T. J.,
Enos,	Sandgran,
Freeman,	Stevenson,
Fuller,	Taylor,
Gibson,	Treadwell,
Gordon,	Vanhorn,
Grayson,	Welsh,
Green,	Willetts,
Hancock,	Winship.
Hassinger,	

Mr. Manuel

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Berry

Presented a communication from Chas. C Wilson, Commissioner of Market Houses, submitting the names of L. D. Fuller and George S. Powell as his securities.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the Solicitor.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from citizens of the eighth precinct of the Third Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Delancy place, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth, and between Spruce and Pine streets, asking the same may be paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from the citizens of the sixth division of the First Ward, asking a change in the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Mr. Chester

Presented a communication from Messrs. Wallace and

Fletcher, relative to a bill for advertising a list of persons who had neglected to pay their taxes, as per order of the Receiver of Taxes.

Mr. Grayson

Presented a communication from John Neff, Superintendent of City Railroads, offering Rudolph Neff and Chas. Neff as his securities.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Treadwell

Presented a communication from George J. Hamilton, Commissioner of City Property, asking a more deliberate consideration of the bill supplementary to the ordinance creating the Department of City Property.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a communication from J. Cowperthwait, Stephen Colwell, Wm. V. Pettit and Henry D. Sherrerd, trustees and holders of the steam fire engine "Young America," asking the appointment of a committee to confer on the best mode of introducing the steam fire engine, as an auxiliary to our present Fire Department.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Stevenson

Presented a memorial from citizens and owners of property in that portion of the Nineteenth Ward lying east of Allegheny avenue, asking an allowance on the City tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars in the section referred to, as well as in all other rural districts, or where the land is devoted to farming purposes.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. King

Presented a petition from citizens of the Eighth Precinct of the Thirteenth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said Precinct.

Mr. Craven

Presented a petition from citizens of the first division of the Fourteenth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said division.

Mr. Manuel

Presented petitions from citizens of the first division of the Twentieth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the election of said division.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from citizens of the fourth precinct of the Twenty-first Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from citizens, asking that the precinct house at the southeast corner of Girard avenue and Lewis street, may be continued as such.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from P. W. Boyd, asking a reduction in his water rent from November 1st, 1854.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Mr. McCleary

Presented a petition from property holders of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Clearfield street, from Richmond street to Delaware avenue, may be graded.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a communication from John Grim and others, with accompanying documents, in relation to dedicating Merchant street as a public highway.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Girard avenue, calling attention to the necessity of constructing a culvert along Franklin street, from Girard avenue to Thompson street.

Also,

Presented petitions from property owners and citizens, asking the construction of a culvert over the Cohocksink creek, from Sixth to Front street, in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Also,

Presented bills from D. Hudson Shedaker, Wm. Read and H. A. Frink, for services rendered as Surveyors and Regulators.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a memorial from property owners and residents of the first and second districts of the Twenty-second Ward, remonstrating against the removal of the police from said districts, believing that the same will prove but a small retrenchment in the finances of the City, when compared with the loss that must accrue to the City from the difference in taxation.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Presented the following report from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, to wit:

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Office of Chief Engineer and Surveyor, }
Philadelphia, Aug. 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—A letter from the original constructor of the Suspension Bridge at Fairmount having created in the public mind some doubts as to its security—suggesting that the length of time that has elapsed since its construction would alone warrant an examination—a resolution of Councils was passed, directing this Department to make such examination as to enable a report to be made upon its efficiency for the duty required, in compliance with which I have to report that we have, with care, examined all parts of the bridge that are subject to deterioration from the effects of moisture, or the constant use to which it has been subjected since its erection, and find nothing in the main cables that need cause apprehension for its safety.

The masonry of the anchorages is solid and shows compact stone-work, while the anchor links, protrudings and the connecting pins, are free from rust and scales. The cables, at the point of connection with the anchorage links, have been well covered with paint, and upon exposure were found to be clean, giving no evidence of corrosion, while the wrapping taken from the most exposed position, and presumed not to be of the superior quality of material used for the cables, was found as pliable and fibrous as when first used.

As to any change in the texture of the wires of which the main cables are composed, there is no experience that would throw doubt upon their still retaining that fibrous nature for which they were no doubt selected by the accomplished engineer, under whose supervision it was erected.

Experience does prove, that wherever iron is subjected to repeated strains equal to its elasticity, or constant powerful vibrations, that for reasons, yet hidden, the fibrous is changed to a crystallized texture, impairing, in fact destroying for safe use, its tensile strength ; but in this case we have every reason to be assured that should the bridge be tested with the greatest weight allowed for in the original

calculations for the amount per square foot of area of its platform, the tension upon the cables would be far under their elastic strength, and therefore not liable to the change in quality by some feared. The most of the suspenders are in good order, yet some of them require immediate attention, several being so arranged as to act injuriously upon the cables. The Howe truss of the carriage-way adds much to the stability of the structure, yet it requires constant attention, and should be carefully watched that the bolts may not slip, relieving the bracing, which should at all times be tight and secure.

The anchorage pits should have more attention and care than they have heretofore received, so that the anchors may be as free from the effects of moisture as possible, which, in the instance of the eastern pits, has been entirely lost sight of, a portion of the anchor-links being now submerged, and acting most deleteriously, notwithstanding tallow and grease have been used freely as protection.

We therefore recommend, that at the earliest moment, the water and debris now accumulated in the anchorage pits be removed, and measures taken to keep them in proper order, excluding all water, whether from surface or by percolation, that the cables, particularly below the surface of the ground, and the anchorage links; be cleaned and re-coated with red lead, and the suspenders be, where deficient, renewed, or where abrasion is observed with the main cable, a protection sleeve be placed. Attention and constant watchfulness of these parts of the structure are enjoined, and a strict regard to the transit of cattle most particularly, as this is a test of the severest character upon bridges of this plan; the regularity of their movement causes greater oscillation and vibration than that of any other travel, excepting, perhaps, the measured tread of soldiery.

The ordinance regarding these should be strictly enforced, when we think that the efficiency of the bridge may be yet relied on.

Resolved, That the Department of City Property be directed to have the Suspension Bridge at Fairmount re-

paired, in conformity with the report of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor made to Councils this day, and under the supervision of the said Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Presented a petition from property holders on the line of Sixth street, Twenty-third Ward, asking that the necessary action may be taken to have said Sixth street, from Elwood lane to the intersection of the road leading from Rising Sun to the intersection of the Second street road, opened to public use.

Mr. M^cMullen

Presented a petition from citizens and property-holders of Bridesburg and Whitehall, calling attention to the unfinished condition of Kirkbride and School streets, and their footways.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented a petition from owners of real estate, of Kingessing township, in the rural portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward, stating that their property is all meadow land, and asking that they may not be excluded from the benefit of the thirteenth section of the Act of the 21st April, 1855.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Charles M^cCowan, Commissioner of Highways, offering the names of Henry Sailor and Thomas Hartley as his securities.

Also,

A communication from Alexander Gwin, Commissioner

of Highways, offering the following-named persons as his securities, to wit: Samuel M'Menamy and Elijah J. Fox.

Also,

A communication from George Myers, Commissioner of Highways, offering the names of David Woelpper and Lewis Bitting as his securities.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Laid before Council the following communication from the Board of Health.

HEALTH OFFICE, }
Philada., August 14, 1855. }

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Springet street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, is a nuisance, prejudicial to health, and should be removed by filling up or otherwise, and that City Councils be requested to fill up or grade the same forthwith.

Resolved, That the Clerk send the above resolution to City Councils, and also the Supervisors of the Highways.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

SAML. P. MARKS,
Clerk.

Also, the following:

HEALTH OFFICE, }
Philada., August 11, 1855. }

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following resolution, was adopted:

Resolved, That Hall and Montgomery streets, are nuisances prejudicial to the public health, and that the same be referred to the City Council for grading, curbing, &c., and

that the attention of the Commissioner of Highways, be called to the condition of the same.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

SAML. P. MARKS,
Clerk.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also, the following :

HEALTH OFFICE, }
Philada., August 7, 1855. }

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Dead-House and Burial Ground, belonging to the City, at Francisville, is a nuisance prejudicial to health.

Resolved, That the Committee of Councils on Health, be requested to furnish the Superintendent of City Burial Ground at Francisville, with 200 lbs. of Chloride of Lime, for the removal of said nuisance, and that the Clerk furnish Councils with a copy of the above.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

SAML. P. MARKS,
Clerk.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following resolution to advertise "An Ordinance to authorize

a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation," and ask the adoption of the resolution.

THOS. CRAVEN,

Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,

JOHN WELSH,

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,

O. P. CORNMAN,

JAMES DAVENPORT,

P. A. KEYSER.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish, in two daily newspapers of this City, daily, for four weeks, the ordinance presented to Common Council, on this sixteenth day of August, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation, and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils, after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

The ordinance was then read. (*Appendix, No. 29.*)
"An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. M'Cleary and Manuel.

And before being ordered,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out "two daily newspapers," and insert the "North American, Daily News and Daily Sun."

Which amendment was declared out of order.

Mr. Gordon

Appealed from the decision of the Chair, but subsequently withdrew the same.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, and were :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Dougherty, Hancock. Hassinger, Levering, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (T. J), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 30 ; nays 27.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a petition of citizens, complaining of the delay in repairing the Gray's Ferry Bridge,

Report that said repairs are being done by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company ; the work is nearly completed, and will be opened for travel on Monday next.

Your Committee also report, for the information of Councils, that by an Act of the Legislature, passed March 16th, 1839, the County Commissioners, subject to the approval of the County Board, were authorized to contract with the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to make the Gray's Ferry Bridge free for pas-

senger travel. The Company to be bound to "maintain, keep, light, repair, watch and superintend said bridge and its appurtenances, from time to time and all times for ever, at their own proper cost and charge, and to make such rules and regulations for the preservation and security of the said bridge as may be necessary to preserve a safe passage over the same at all times, free of toll or other charges."

In accordance with the above authority, the County Commissioners made a contract, and paid the sum of \$55,000 to said Company, the provisions of which are presumed to be in accordance with those named in the Act, as the contract is not in the possession of the Department of Highways or the present County Commissioners; and although diligent search has been made for it, it has not been found.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, Aug. 16th, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Hassinger

Moved that the report be re-committed to the Committee, with instructions to consult the City Solicitor relative to the contract.

Which was agreed to.

Also, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a petition, asking that Fourth street, from Market to Chestnut, may be repaved, and that it may be done with cubical blocks of stone,

Report that, upon examination, they find the said square is much in need of re-paving, and they recommend that it be done forthwith. With regard to the using of stone blocks, they would recommend their being used, provided the owners of property first agree to pay the additional expense of such re-paving over one dollar per square yard.

Annexed is a resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, Aug. 16th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to repave Fourth street, from Market to Chestnut street, said paving to be done with stone blocks, provided, the owners of property on said square first agree to pay the expense of said paving, over and above one dollar per square yard, otherwise said square to be paved with pebble stone.

Which was twice read.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out all after the word "yard."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Conrad.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), McCleary, McMullen, Parham, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Welsh.

Yeas 25 ; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Stevenson.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), McMullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Martin, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Stevenson, Winship.

Yeas 25 ; nays 23.

It was agreed to.

The Mayor's Clerk being introduced, presented the following message :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, August 16, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have signed and approved the following ordinances and resolution, viz :

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.”

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for certain expenses connected with the lighting of the City.”

Resolution entitled “ Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, on the second day of August, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a Culvert in Wood street.”

An ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the ice boat.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Mr. O'Neill

Called for the orders of the day, being bill No. 17, Common Council File, entitled “ An Ordinance for the reduction of the salaries of certain officers.”

The ordinance being on second reading,

Mr. Hancock

Moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Berry

Moved to amend, to postpone the further consideration of the same.

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Marsh, Parker, Sandgran, Treadwell.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Davis, Freeman, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Patterson, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 20 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

Council then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole (Mr. Patterson in the chair) on the consideration of the bill, and after some time spent therein the Committee arose and reported the bill with amendments.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dyer, Freeman, Gibson, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Parham, Parker, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Davenport, Enos, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassin-

ger, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 18 ; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance to offer a resolution, and

On the motion being agreed to, offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourn, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, at three o'clock, P. M., and that ordinance No. 16, Common Council File, be made the order of the day.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller, (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts.

Yeas 27 ; nays 25.

It was agreed to.

The resolution was read a second time, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on the first Thursday in September.

Which was ruled out of order.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Boekius, Butler, Fuller, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 24; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the resolution, and that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a call of the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising, viz :

Messrs. Patterson, Biddle, Winship, Martin, Mascher, Murphy, M'Cleary, T. J. Roberts, Brouse and Hancock.

And on the question "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being to postpone and lay upon the table,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Winship.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, Parham, Parker, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts.

Yeas 25 ; nays 26.

It was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 23d, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Hoppel,
Baker, Abraham,	Houseman,
Barton,	King,
Berry,	Knorr,
Binder,	Manuel,
Bilyeu,	Marsh,
Bishop,	Martin,
Borie,	Mascher,
Bremer,	Miller, Andrew,
Broomall,	Miller, Hiram,
Brouse,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bockius,	Murphy,
Bumm,	M ^c Adams,
Butler,	M ^c Cleary,
Chester,	M ^c Mullen,
Conrad,	O'Neill,
Craven,	Parker,
Davenport,	Patterson,
Davis,	Peall,
Dougherty,	Preston,
Dunk,	Ridgway,
Dyer,	Roberts, T. J.,
Enos,	Sandgran,
Freeman,	Steelling,
Fuller,	Stevenson,
Gibson,	Taylor,
Gordon,	Treadwell,
Grayson,	Vanhorn,
Green,	Willetts,
Hancock,	Winship,
Hassinger,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .
Henry,	

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Mantua, Twenty-fourth Ward, remonstrating against the widening of Thirty-fifth street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from owners of property on Charles street, First Ward, asking that said street may be widened to a uniform width of thirty feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Surveys, &c., without reading.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from the officers and members of the Independence Engine Company, asking an appropriation to enable them to purchase additional hose, and finish their engine house.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a communication from the Secretary of the Wagner Free Institute of Science, asking the use of two unoccupied rooms on the lower floor of Spring Garden Hall for the purpose of storage and class rooms for the instruction of students.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a bill from Messrs. Birkinbine and Trotter,

for gas lamps and posts furnished and erected in German-town.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Brouse

Presented a petition of citizens calling attention to the dangerous condition of the bridge over the Tacony creek, at Whitaker's mill.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways without reading.

Mr. Steelling

Presented a petition from citizens remonstrating against the passage of any ordinance prohibiting the hawking of vegetables, &c.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets without reading.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the securities of the Commissioner of Markets, Superintendent of City Railroads, and Commissioners of Highways, have examined the same, and offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

THOMAS CRAVEN,
Chairman.
W. C. PATTERSON,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
WM. B. R. SELBY.
JOHN WELSH,
O. P. CORNMAN,

Resolved, That Select and Common Councils approve of Lester D. Fuller and George S. Powell as securities of

Charles C. Wilson, Commissioner of Markets ; Charles Neff and Rudolph Neff, as securities of John Neff, Superintendent of City Railroads ; Henry Sailor and Thomas Hartley, as securities of Charles M'Cowan, Commissioner of Highways ; David Woelpper and Lewis Bitting, as securities of George Meyers, Commissioner of Highways ; Charles F. Ashmead and Hillary Krickbaum, as securities of Frederick Emhardt, Commissioner of Highways, and Samuel M'Menamy and Elijah J. Fox, as securities for Alexander Gwin, Commissioner of Highways, and that the Solicitor be directed to draw the necessary bonds.

Which was twice read, considered, and adopted.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the annexed resolution relative to notifying property holders to curb and pave footways, report the same back with additions, and recommend that the same be passed. Although it embraces a large number of squares, in many cases, more than half is already paved, and it is due to those who have made improvements, that vacant spaces in the footwalks should be filled up.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
W. B. R. SELBY,

August 16, 1855.

Resolved, That the owners of property fronting on the following named streets, be required to curb and pave the footways, in conformity to an ordinance to regulate the man-

ner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expense thereof, viz :

Twentieth street, between Callowhill and Parrish streets.

Twenty-first street, between Callowhill and Coates streets.

Twenty-second street, between Callowhill and Parrish streets.

Twenty-third street, between Callowhill and Brown streets.

Eighteenth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and Coates street.

Fifteenth street, between Hamilton and Ridge avenue.

Sixteenth street, between Coates and Ridge avenue.

Hamilton street, between Fifteenth and Callowhill streets.

Fairview street, between Broad and Twentieth streets.

Spring Garden street, between Eighteenth and Twenty-fifth streets.

Centre street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.

Washington street, between Fifteenth and Twentieth, and between Twenty-first and Twenty-third streets.

Wallace street, between Sixteenth and Nineteenth, and between Twenty-first and Twenty-third streets.

North street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Springet street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Brown street, between Fifteenth and Francis streets, and between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth, and between Nineteenth and Corinthian avenue.

West street, between Coates and Parrish streets.

Becket street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Taylor street, between Pratt and Brown streets.

Nineteenth street, between Coates and Ridge avenue.

Thompson street, between Sixth and Broad streets.

Columbia avenue, between Seventh and Broad streets.

Oxford street, between Sixth and Eighth, and between Tenth and Broad streets.

Marshall street, between Thompson and Oxford streets.
Twelfth street, from Stiles to Columbia avenue.
Mervine street, from Thompson to Montgomery street.
Cadwalader street, from Jefferson to Columbia avenue.
Robinson street, between Jefferson and Columbia avenue.
Margaret street, between Poplar and Girard avenue.
Clinton street, between Poplar and Girard avenue.
Two streets between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, from
Jefferson to Columbia avenue.
Cabot street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.
Cambridge street, between Carlisle and Ridge avenue.
Tyler street, between Poplar and Girard avenue.
York street, from Germantown road to Sixth street.
Seventh street, from York street to Germantown road.
Lehigh avenue, from Sixth street to Germantown road.
Parker street, from Adams to Cumberland street.
Adams street, Frankford.
Seventh street, from Reed to Moore street.

Which was read twice, and being under consideration,

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend, to add "Master street, from Twelfth to Broad street."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to amend, to add "Green street, from Thirteenth to Broad street."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the annexed draft of an ordinance relating to the sinking of wells, and the erection of pumps in certain localities, report the same back, with a recommendation that it be negatived.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.
W. H. STOKES,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
W. B. R. SELBY.

August 15th, 1855.

An ordinance relating to the sinking of wells and the erection of pumps in certain localities.

SECTION I. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That it shall be the duty of the Department of Highways from time to time, on the presentation of petitions signed by of the whole number of the property owners along any public highway in the rural wards of the City, or in the rural portions of the suburban wards, to cause wells to be sunk and pumps to be erected, (under the direction of the Chief Surveyor or his assistants,) in any of such highways wherein the Schuylkill or Delaware water has not been introduced, and where no measures have been taken for the introduction of the same.

Which report was read and accepted.

Also,

Presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a resolution to approve the vacation of a portion of Turner's lane, as pro-

vided for by Act of Assembly, the provisions of the Act having been complied with.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

W. H. STOKES,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN.
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

Aug. 16, 1855.

A resolution relating to the vacation of Turner's lane.

Resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the said Councils do hereby consent to the vacation of Turner's lane from Schuylkill Third street to Schuylkill Fifth street, in the late District and Township of Penn, as they are authorized by an act of the General Assembly, approved May 8, 1854, entitled "An Act to vacate parts of Timber and Turner's lanes, in the County of Philadelphia."

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred petitions for the construction of culverts in various sections of the City, deeming it proper and expedient that some action should at once be taken to remedy the evil under which the petitioners now labor, respectfully report a resolution, annexed, authorizing them to bring in a bill making provision for a loan, to be appropriated for the construction of

such culverts for public drainage, as may be recommended by the Board of Surveys, and approved of by Councils.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
W. H. STOKES,
B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELEY,
GEO. A. BINDER,
D. C. ENOS.

August 23, 1855.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to report to Councils an ordinance providing for the creation of a loan for one hundred thousand dollars, the proceeds thereof to be appropriated to defray the expense of construction of such culverts as may be ordered by Councils.

Which was read twice, and

On the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Fuller.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Sandgran, Steelling, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Freeman, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Winship.

Yeas 15 ; nays 32.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Green,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of George H. Wilson and other parties, the proprietors of Hackney Coaches, beg leave to submit the accompanying ordinance, and ask that the same may be adopted.

T. W. HIGGINS,
A. W. GREEN,
LEWIS BREMER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
AL'M BAKER,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
JNO. WELSH,
A. D. CALDWELL.

Committee Room, Aug. 16, 1855.

An ordinance, supplemental to an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance relating to Hackney Carriages," approved the tenth day of May, A. D., 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gordon

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following report:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department have considered the proposition in relation to the steam fire

engine "Young America," presented to Councils, August 16, 1855, by J. Cowperthwait, Stephen Colwell, William V. Pettit, and Henry D. Sherrerd, trustees of sundry citizens; they have also had an interview with the above named, and report in favor of the proposition giving to the City the steam fire engine "Young America."

Your Committee ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the steam fire engine "Young America" be accepted from the "Trustees" and placed in the hands of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, who shall under the direction and management of the Committee on Fire Department and Trusts, make all proper arrangement to place the steam engine in serviceable condition at as early a day as possible.

GEORGE F. GORDON,
JNO. WELSH,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
JNO. K. KNORR,
NATHAN HILLES,
A. D. CALDWELL,
JAMES M. GIBSON.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend by adding the following: "Provided the said engine be made over to the City in fee simple."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Fuller.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Knorr, Mammel, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Roberts

(T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Borie, Bremer, Bröuse, Craven, Davis, Hancock, Hassinger, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Ridgway, Stevenson, Taylor, Winship.

Yeas 42; nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved a suspension of the rules, to take up an ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, on the President's desk.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Willetts

Moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of offering a resolution.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend by moving "a general suspension."

The amendment was not agreed to, and

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman,

Chairman of the Committee on Poor, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Poor, to which was referred the resolution of the Board of Guardians, asking for an additional appropriation of seventy-five thousand five hundred dollars, for the balance of the year 1855, report:

In the beginning of the year 1855, the Board of Guardians of the Poor submitted an estimate of the amount requisite to carry the department through the year. This estimate asked for an appropriation of \$242,882 25. The amount appropriated by Councils was \$205,882, being a deduction of \$37,000 from the estimate. In consequence of

this deduction, the augmented cost of provisions over the anticipated price, with the large increase of population in the house over the number which constituted the basis of the estimate, in addition to the unusual demand for out-door relief, attributable to the length and severity of the winter, the depression in business, and consequent scarcity of employment for laborers, this department is now without a dollar to its credit, while it has (as may be seen by reference to its last census) eighteen hundred sick, infirm, insane, and impoverished human beings to feed.

The out-door relief must also cease, although the presumption arises that many who are now aided by small weekly stipends to obtain a subsistence not quite offered them by their labours will by this measure become permanent burthens to the community.

Your Committee in view of these facts, find it impossible to resist the conviction that this appropriation is imperatively demanded by the wants of the department, and they therefore also report an ordinance hereto annexed, but in the present exhausted state of the Treasury they refrain from any recommendation as to its passage, unless provision for the payment of the money be made at the same time.

JAMES A. FREEMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
JOHN DYER,
A. B. ASHTON,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
J. F. MASCHER,
J. L. HANCOCK.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1855. (*Appendix, No. 30.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, and that it be printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bishop,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, beg leave to offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to draw warrants in favor of the following, said amounts to be paid out of the appropriation for cleansing docks, made to the Department, approved the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1855. to wit: The sum of three hundred and two dollars and sixty cents, in favor of John M. Coleman, for State tax on public wharves for the year 1854; the sum of forty-four dollars and sixty-seven cents in favor of the Treasurer of the Gloria Dei Church for ground rent on Christian street wharf; the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars in favor of Thomas Merritt, for repairing Callowhill street wharf; and the sum of sixteen dollars and ninety-six cents in favor of George J. Hamilton, for taxes for the year 1853, on Shackamaxon street wharf.

S. S. BISHOP,

Chairman.

JOSEPH L. CHESTER,
WM. M. BAIRD,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
ALEX. MARTIN,
SAMUEL C. WILLETTS,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
JOHN WELSH,

Philadelphia, Aug. 16, 1855.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented the following message in writing :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Aug. 23, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following resolution and ordinance, viz. :

“ A Resolution to provide for the endorsement by the City Treasurer of all warrants on the Treasury, and for the payment of six per cent. interest on such warrants.”

“ An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Water Works be authorized to grant the use of water free of charge to the Philadelphia Society for promoting agriculture during their public exhibition, in the month of September next, provided that the said society lay the pipes and make the necessary connections at their own cost, under the supervision of the Chief Engineer.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Surveyor of the Eleventh and Twelfth Surveying Districts be directed to proceed to lay out and finish the town plot commenced by the Commissioners on Survey, appointed as per Act of Assembly, April 3, 1851, and to establish the grades on the same, and also, on those sections laid out by authority of said Commissioners.

Which was twice read, and

On motion of Mr. King,

Was referred to the Committee of Surveys, &c.

Mr. Fuller

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City property be instructed to have the cupola of Moyamensing Hall repaired, and the clock belonging to the said Hall restored to its proper place.

Which was read twice,

And on the question of agreeing to the resolution,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to strike out "Commissioner of City Property be instructed," and insert "Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Gibson, and being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bremer, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davis, Grayson, Green, King, Parker, Patterson, Steelling, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller, (Hiram), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Preston, Ridgway, Sandgran, Taylor, Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Conrad

Moved to amend by adding "Provided that the same shall not exceed one hundred dollars."

Mr. Borie

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out "one hundred dollars and inserting two hundred."

Which was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be, and they are hereby required to inquire into the expediency of procuring a house wherein to locate the steam fire engine, and the probable annual expenses of maintaining the apparatus in perfect working order, and report the same to Councils.

Which was twice read, and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Marsh

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be and they are hereby requested to notify Henry Bickley the contractor, to cleanse all the streets, lanes, and alleys, of the old city proper, to have the inlets and streets cleansed according to his contract once a week, as very many of the streets are not cleansed for the space of a month, and the gutters are in a very filthy condition, and if allowed to continue in the present condition, during the hot season, it will be very detrimental to the health of the citizens.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. McMullen

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property owners on Unity street from Main to Sellers, Pine street, from Main to Adams, Orchard street, from Church to Mill, Adams street, from Main to Pine, be and they are hereby authorized to have the said streets curbed and paved, provided that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways, and provided further, that the City shall not be at any expense for the same except for the intersection thereof.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the southeast section of Penn Square be granted to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, for their annual exhibition in September next, subject to such restrictions as the Commissioner of City Property may deem requisite to protect the trees, shrubbery, &c.; provided, also, that any expense incurred for that purpose be at the cost of said society.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Henry

Moved to refer the said resolution to the Committee on City Property, with instructions to report whether the public squares dedicated by the founder of this City, to "public uses," can be legally occupied for other purposes.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department," with the following amendments.

SECTION 1. To strike out the words "thirty thousand eight hundred and eight dollars and thirty-two cents," and insert "twenty-three thousand eight hundred and three dollars and thirty-two cents."

Strike out "United" in the sixth line, in twelfth line to strike out the word "Germantown" and insert "Roxborough," in twenty-second line to strike out the words "for the amount due each of them."

SECTION 2. To strike out all of the section from the "first line to the fifteenth inclusive."

SECTION 4. To strike out eighth and tenth lines. In fourth line, to insert after engine, the words "three hundred and," and strike out the word "seven," and insert the word "two."

New section, 8. That five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of hose, to be used in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that this Council non-concur in the amendments, and insist upon their bill.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the property owners on Market street, between Fortieth and Forty-second streets, be authorized to pave said street, under the direction of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, provided that the City shall be at no expense for paving the same, except the crossings.

Which was read twice.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Highways.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Read in place and presented to the Chair, a bill entitled "An ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for work on the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, by virtue of a certain contract." (*Appendix No. 31.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Mr. Freeman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill, and that it be printed for the use of the members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules which forbid the reading of a bill twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time.

Which he subsequently withdrew.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Whereas, The Mayor and Council of the City of Rochester, New York, intend visiting this City on official business, therefore

Resolved, That the courtesies of the City be, and they are hereby extended to them during their sojourn, and that a Committee be appointed, to consist of the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees, together with the Presidents of both chambers, to extend to them any information they may be desirous of obtaining.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

And the preamble was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hiram Miller,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Aug. 30th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Borie,
Bremer,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Levering,

King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Murphy,
M'Adams,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Preston,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Lewis street, asking the privilege of paving said street at their own proper cost, subject to the supervision of the Department of Highways.

Also,

Presented one of similar import, from owners of property on Fisher street, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented a petition from citizens and voters of the eighth division of the Third Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections in said division.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from Emil Matthieu, asking the vacation of Lombard street, in front of his premises, as a market stand for wagons, &c.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Steelling

Presented a petition from citizens residing on the line of the Parrish street culvert, asking that immediate steps may be taken to thoroughly abate the frequent and very destructive street freshets, to which they are at present subjected, in consequence of insufficient culverting.

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Also,

Presented a petition from Charles Bird, Esq., asking indemnification for certain damages which he has sustained by having the foundation wall of his dwelling house thrown down on two occasions, by the great excess of surface drainage to the Parrish street culvert.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Wallace street, between Sixteenth and Nineteenth streets, asking that gas lamps may be placed on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Presented a petition from the President and Secretary of the Globe Engine Company, on behalf of said Company, soliciting a donation of six hundred feet of new hose.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from citizens of the first precinct of the Twenty-first Ward, protesting against any change in the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Gay

Presented a petition from property owners of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, asking the construction of a culvert over the Cohocksink creek, from Sixth to Front streets.

Also,

Presented a petition from property holders, asking the construction of a culvert over Cohocksink creek, along Thompson street, from Apple to Sixth street.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Presented a petition from citizens and tax payers of the first and second precincts of Twenty-second Ward, late the township of Bristol, remonstrating against being considered otherwise than as a rural district as contemplated by the Act of Consolidation and its supplements.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented three petitions of similar import, from the citizens and tax payers of the first and second precincts of the same Ward.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Finance, without reading.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from owners of property on Lexington street and the Haverford road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking to have the water pipes laid in said Lexington street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

The President

Laid before Council a petition from the voters of the fourth precinct of the Eleventh Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections of said precinct.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law, without reading.

Also, the following :

HEALTH OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1855. }

To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—By direction of the Board of Health,

I herewith transmit a copy of a preamble and resolution passed by the Board yesterday.

Your ob't serv't,

SAMUEL P. MARKS,
Clerk of Board of Health.

Whereas, By the Act of Consolidation, approved Feb. 2d, 1854, it becomes the duty of the Board of Health to pay into the City Treasury all sums of money due, payable to or received by them; *And whereas*, by an ordinance of Councils, adopted October, 1854, it is made the duty of the health officer to return to the City Controller, twice in each week, an account of each item of the money received by him, and immediately after making such return, pay the amount to the City Treasurer; *and whereas*, in strict conformity thereto, the health officer acting under the direction of this Board, has handed over to the Treasurer every week, up to this date, the mean sum of four hundred and forty-two dollars and thirty cents, being the receipts into this office for each successive week, amounting in the aggregate to twenty-two thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-one cents; *and whereas*, owing to the present embarrassed state of the finances of the City, and an exhausted treasury, the warrants drawn by this Board for some time past, properly signed and countersigned, have not been paid, the result of which protest is, in many instances, a serious obstruction to the sanitary operations of the Board of Health; *and whereas*, it is the opinion of this Board, after mature deliberation, that at a season like the present, when the City is enjoying a more than usual exemption from disease, and when the Board are using all proper precautionary measures to keep the City, in a sanitary point of view, in the most favorable condition to preserve it from the introduction and ravages of epidemic diseases, and from the fearful pestilence now decimating a neighboring City, when it is the opinion of this Board that their operations should not only be sustained by the City authorities, but that no obstruction, either by implication or sluggish action, should be laid in the way of their sanitary efforts for searching out the causes of insalubrity or in removing all fruitful sources of filth and disease, but above every thing else, that at so important a crisis the financial

operations of the Board should in no way or manner be obstructed or embarrassed, and inasmuch as the obligations and responsibilities of this Board to the public at large, as the guardians of the public health, are paramount to those of every other, and believing further, that the community will sustain them in every well ordered effort, directly or indirectly to preserve the health of the City, and unwilling longer to act upon the removal of nuisances which are prejudicial to health, and which favor the introduction of pestilential disease, as we are daily called upon to do, without the pecuniary means at our command of carrying out those wholesome protective regulations. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in consideration of the emergency in which this Board is placed, owing to their inability to command the appropriation made them for carrying out a proper system of sanitary regulations so imperiously demanded at this season of the year, in all good faith we make this urgent appeal to Councils to co-operate with us in our efforts to preserve the public health, by taking such action as will place to our control and use, the receipts of the Health office, until such time as the City treasury shall be replenished, or otherwise make immediate arrangements for supplying us with funds to continue those wholesome measures, which in our judgment are necessary, and which shall be most effectual for the public safety.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following:

HEALTH OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Aug. 25, 1855. }

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Bolton street be referred to the City Councils, to remove the nuisance by grading, curbing or otherwise.

(Extract from the Minutes.)

SAML. P. MARKS,
Clerk.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the securities of Thomas Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways, have examined into the same and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

J. F. KNORR,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.
JNO. WELSH,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
W. C. PATTERSON,
JAMES C. HAND.

Resolved, That Select and Common Councils approve of William Struthers and William H. Kern, as sureties for Thomas Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and the Solicitor be directed to draw the bond.

Also,

Report back to Councils sundry certificates from Court, awarded for the opening of streets, and request to have the same referred to the Committee on Highways.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report :

To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition of James Harper & Co.,

asking the right and privilege of putting in a culvert from their property, on the south side of Girard Avenue to the Thompson street culvert, with the privilege of entering the same, deem the subject to be one requiring immediate attention. They therefore submit the annexed ordinance, and recommend the passage of the same.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
GEO. A. BINDER.

Committee Room, August 27, 1855.

An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend on the third line, to insert after the word "culvert," the words "at their own expense."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, presented the following report :

To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom were referred certain petitions in favour of opening streets in various parts of the City, respectfully submit the following resolution, and recommend the passage of the same.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

D. C. ENOS,
W. H. STOKES,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY,
GEO. A. BINDER,

Committee Room, Aug. 27, 1855.

“A Resolution to authorize notice to be given of the intended opening of certain streets.”

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to give notice forthwith, to the owners of the ground through and over which the following named streets are laid out on the plans hereafter mentioned, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils will order the said streets within the limits hereinafter mentioned, to be opened for public use, as they are authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21, 1855, entitled “A Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia,” namely :

Sixth street, from Elwood's lane to lane leading from the Rising Sun village to the Fox Chase, in Twenty-third Ward, as the same is laid down on the plan of fourth section Northern Liberties, between Ontario street and Bristol township line and Nineteenth and Front streets, dated 1843.

Levering street, from Cresson street to Manayunk avenue in the Twenty-first Ward, as the same is laid down on the plan of the late Borough of Manayunk, dated September 10, 1842.

Poplar street, from Ridge Avenue to Nineteenth street, as the same is laid down on the plan of the tenth division of the late district of Spring Garden, confirmed May 10, 1834.

Jefferson street, from Greenwich to Mifflin street, Fifth street, from M'Kean to Mifflin street, Sixth street, from Moore to the south side of M'Kean street, McKean street, from Fifth to the west side of Sixth street, and Mifflin street, from Fifth to the west side of Sixth street, as the same are laid down on the plan of the southern part of Moyamensing, with ascents and descents, dated June 24, 1842.

Wharf street, from Davis' Landing to the Navy Yard, and Church street, from Reed to Dickinson street, as the same are laid down on the plan of the late district of Southwark, of the date of the year 1788.

Bedford street, from Broad to Fifteenth street, as the same is laid down on the northern district of the late Township of Moyamensing, of the date November, 1829.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of

Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

O. H. P. PARKER,
W. S. WINSHIP,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JNO. M'WHORTER,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE,
JOHN WELSH,
A. D. CALDWELL,
JAMES M. GIBSON.

Committee Room, Aug. 16, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report that they have had under consideration a communication from the “Humane Fire Company,” and have approved the same, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the services of the Humane Fire Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the department.

WM. M. PARHAM,
Chairman.

GEO. F. GORDON,
O. H. P. PARKER,
A. D. CALDWELL,
JOHN WELSH,
JOHN M'WHORTER,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
W. S. WINSHIP,

Which was read twice, considered and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a resolution relative to certain contracts for cleansing the public streets.

Which was read, and

The report accompanying the same not having been signed by the Committee from which it emanated, it was declared out of order, and returned to Select Council.

Mr. Patterson,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference on the "Ordinance relating to dogs running at large in the City of Philadelphia," presented the following report:

To the Common Council :

The Committee on Conference relative to the bill entitled "An ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large in the City of Philadelphia," have agreed to the following amendments :

Section I.—No. 1. To strike out "any dog," and insert "the owner of any dog to suffer said dog."

No. 2. Insert, third line after Philadelphia, "except the first, second and third divisions of the Twenty-fourth Ward, and all the rural districts of the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Wards."

No. 3. Insert, in fourth line after within, "the limits as aforesaid of."

No. 5. To strike out in the eleventh and twelfth lines, "the Mayor or."

No. 6. To insert, section second, fifth line, "that if" before "any;" and strike out in seventh line "without a muzzle as aforesaid."

No. 8. Section third, as follows: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to detail as many officers as he may deem necessary, whose duty it shall be to carry this ordinance into effect by employing suitable persons to take up, kill and bury all dogs and bitches found running at large in the City of Philadelphia, when not within the exceptions of the foregoing section, and for the services to be performed in taking up, killing and burying each dog, the sum of one dollar shall be paid.

New section, No. 4. In case of a demand on the part of the owner within twenty-four hours from the time of the arrest, the dog or bitch may be redeemed on the payment of two dollars by the owner thereof, in addition to any penalty or penalties which may have been incurred.

Section 5. Line fourth to sixth, agreed to strike out "or shall willfully or maliciously destroy or injure any private property connected with the execution of this ordinance;" also, struck out "ten dollars," and inserted "one hundred dollars;" and struck out in the eighth and ninth lines "as debts under one hundred dollars are by law recoverable." And strike out "the fines so collected shall be paid into the City Treasury."

And have agreed to section sixth as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Mayor to give public notice, to be published in two daily newspapers having the largest circulation, on three alternate days for one week, immedi-

ately preceding the time fixed by this ordinance for enforcing the same in each year.

W. C. PATTERSON,
Chairman.

D. S. HASSINGER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
I. N. MARSELIS,
WM. J. WAINWRIGHT,
HENRY T. KING.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to proceed to the third reading of the bill entitled "An ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for work on the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, by virtue of a certain contract."

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 18, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1855."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Grayson, Green, King, Manuel, Mascher, McMullen, Parham, Parker, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Treadwell, Welsh, Hacker, *President.*

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Craven, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Levering, Knorr, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams,

McCleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

Yeas 29 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Mayor and Council of the city of Rochester, New York, entered the chamber, and were introduced to the members by the President.

Mr. Gordon,

Chairman of the Special Committee appointed under resolution, (page 119 of the Journal), to inquire whether or not an iron fence could be constructed opposite each street passed by locomotives, &c., presented a (partial) verbal report, accompanied with a model for said purpose, and submitted the same for the examination of Councils.

Also,

Read in place and presented to the Chair, a bill entitled "An Ordinance for the payment of damages for opening Spring Garden street, in the Fifteenth Ward." (*Appendix, No. 32.*)

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Patterson,

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Parker

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call a meeting of the citizens of Philadelphia, without distinction of party, to take into consideration the late fatal disaster on the Camden and Amboy Railroad, near Burlington, New Jersey, and to make some public demonstration in relation thereto.

Which was twice read, and

On the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Manuel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Green, Manuel, Miller (Andrew), Parker, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 15; nays 41.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Read in place and presented to the Chair, a bill entitled "An Ordinance to enlarge the small culvert at the mouth of Thompson street culvert, to the creek into which it empties, the same being about fifty feet." (*Appendix, No. 33.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance, and refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Steelling and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Dunk, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, King, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Borie, Bockius, Butler, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Grayson, Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 29 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the City be, and they are hereby directed to contract for the cleansing of the City for one year, as follows :

With John Schaffer for first district, at - -	\$12,000
“ Bechtel & Sowers for third district, at -	11,000
“ Smith, Seckel & Co., for fourth district, at	12,000
“ D. Harlan and Thos. Marks for fifth district, at	5,500

Said contracts to be drawn and approved by the City Solicitor.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Fuller

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for two weeks. -

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Berry, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Fuller, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Steelling, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Butler, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, King, Manuel, Martin, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts

(Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Highways, to report an ordinance more definite in its character.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Berry,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Binder, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Gordon, King, M'Mullen, Patterson, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 31 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they insist upon their amendments to the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department," and have appointed Messrs Keyser, Perkins and Beideman, a committee of conference on said bill, and request the appointment of a similar committee. The President appointed Messrs. Ridgway, Winship and Andrew Miller as said committee on the part of Common Council.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill,

Council in Committee of the whole resumed the consideration of bill No. 16, Common Council File, entitled

“A supplement to an Ordinance organizing the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, approved July 28th, 1854.”

Mr. Hassinger in the chair.

After some time spent in the consideration of the same, the committee arose and reported the bill with sundry amendments.

Which report was accepted.

The bill was read a second time, and

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed and made the order of the day for next Thursday, and, also, bill No. 17 Common Council File.

Which was not agreed to, when

On motion of Mr. Bumm,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 6, 1855.

Council met. The President being absent, Mr. Willetts was called to the Chair.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J.,

Baker, Abraham,

Barton,

Berry,

Biddle,

Binder,

Bilyeu,

Bishop,

Borie,

Bremer,

Broomall,

Brouse,

Bockius,

Bumm,

Butler,

Chester,

Conrad,

Craven,

Davenport,

Davis,

Dougherty,

Duane,

Dunk,

Dyer,

Enos,

Freeman,

Fuller,

Gay,

Gibson,

Gordon,

Grayson,

Green,

Hancock,

Messrs. Hand,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Levering,

King,

Knorr,

Manuel,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Miller, Hiram,

Miller, J. Washington,

Murphy,

M'Adams,

M'Cleary,

O'Neill,

Parham,

Parker,

Patterson,

Penrose,

Preston,

Reed,

Ridgway,

Roberts, C. B.,

Roberts, Spencer,

Roberts, T. J.,

Sandgran,

Steelling,

Stevenson,

Taylor,

Treadwell,

Vanhorn,

Welsh,

Willetts,

Winship.

Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Baird, Berry, Biddle, Bockius, Bunm, Dougherty, Gay, Gibson, Hand, Henry, Knorr, M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell and Winship, each

Presented petitions (numerously signed) from citizens asking the grant of such privileges as may be necessary to secure a proper execution of the contemplated construction of a passenger railway, extending from the Navy Yard to the late District of Richmond.

One of which was read, and they were severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Duane

Presented a petition from owners of property on Carver street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, and between Lombard and South streets, asking that the gas main in said street may be continued to Eighteenth street.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Washington street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, asking to have the gas pipes laid in said street.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a memorial from James Harper & Co., owners and occupiers of a steam saw mill, situate on Franklin avenue, near Eighth street, in the Twentieth Ward, asking indemnification for losses sustained by them to their property by water, from want of proper surface drainage; and further, asking the appointment of a Special Committee to visit the premises, to ascertain and report to Councils the amount of damage which they have sustained thereby.

Which was read, and

On motion,

The President appointed Messrs. O'Neill, Gibson, Gordon, Fuller and Sandgran as said Committee.

Mr. Green

Presented a petition from residents of the Eighteenth Ward, asking that the sidewalks on Wood street, between Gaul and Norris streets, may be placed in proper order.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented a petition from owners of property on Larch street, between Ann and Maple streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the water pipes may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property on Ball, between Beach and Queen streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the curb may be set and side-walks paved in said street.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from Freeman Scott and others, asking the enlargement of the inlets to the culverts at and near the corner of Coates and Eleventh streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a petition from citizens of Seventh precinct of the Twenty-second Ward, asking the withdrawal of the Police force in said precinct, and thereby relieve them of an unnecessary tax.

Also,

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property in the Seventh Division of the Twenty-second Ward, on and near Chestnut Hill, numerouslly signed, remonstrating against the passage of any ordinance constituting the said division as a rural District, and also against the withdrawal of the police force from said division.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from property owners on Bridge-water street, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking a revision of the grade of said street, and a confirmation of the same, as returned first to the Court by Joseph Fox, Regulator.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

Presented a petition from the former lamplighters of the late district of West Philadelphia, asking that an ordinance or resolution may be passed, whereby they may be enabled to receive their salary for the month of December, 1854, remaining unpaid.

Also,

Presented a petition from residents of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that lamps may be placed on Bridge street.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from the Directors of the Public Schools of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking the use of one of the rooms in the Commissioners' Hall, (West Philadelphia,) for school purposes.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

Presented a communication from Thos. P. James, Recording Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, tendering an invitation to the members of Councils to visit the autumnal exhibition of the same, accompanied with complimentary tickets of admission.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Binder

Presented a petition from owners of property on Oxford street, asking the construction of a culvert on said street, from Mifflin to Marshall streets.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Edward D. Yates, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, accompanied with the "rules and regulations for the government of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department."

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, held on Monday evening, August 27th, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Councils be requested to amend the ordinance making appropriations to the Fire Department, by adding thereto the United, Humane and Warren Hose Companies, and Spring Garden and Independence Engine Companies.

Respectfully,

EDWARD D. YATES,

Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from Wm. S. Allen and Joseph L. Smith, City Commissioners, calling the attention of Councils to the necessity of making a further appropriation of \$45,600 to said department for the year 1855.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from J. B. Smith, Esq., President of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, notifying Councils of a vacancy in said Board, occasioned by the death of Townsend Smith, Esq.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Alfred L. Kennedy, Esq., Secretary to the Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture, tendering an invitation to members to be present at the annual exhibition of said society, on the occasion of Gov. Bigler's address.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Gordon

Moved a suspension of the rules to offer a resolution.

And the same being agreed to, offered the following:

Whereas, It is the duty of the City Government to pay all who are in any way employed by it, and to pay them promptly; *and whereas*, much suffering exists in consequence of the non-payment of "City warrants" now in the hands of public school teachers, policemen, and the mechanics and laborers on our highways. Therefore

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of this Council, be appointed for the purpose of inquiring and devising ways and means for the immediate payment of all warrants issued to this date.

The resolution was twice read, considered and adopted.

The preamble was accepted, and

The President

Appointed Messrs. Gordon, Enos and Parker as said Committee.

Mr. Reed

Asked that leave be granted him at this time to present a petition.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend, "to suspend the rules generally."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

And on leave being granted,

Mr. Reed

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents in the vicinity of Eighteenth and Vine streets, asking the construction of a culvert from said Eighteenth street out Vine to the Schuylkill river.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Penrose, on leave granted,

Presented a communication from Jas. J. Boswell, Esq., late chairman of the joint Special Committee appointed for the purpose of having prepared medals for Captains Creighton, Low and Stouffer, and also of presenting the same to those for whom they were designed, stating that Capt. Low was the only one to whom an opportunity offered of carrying out the latter part of the resolution of Councils during the official term of the Committee; informing that Captain Stouffer is now in the City of New York, where he will remain a few days, prior to his departure for Europe, and tendering such information whereby the safe transmission of the remaining medal to Captain Creighton (who resides permanently at Glasgow, Scotland), may be effected.

Which was read, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the medals prepared for those gentlemen, be presented to them by the Presidents of Councils.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, "that a Special Committee of both Chambers be appointed for a public presentation."

Mr. Gay

Moved to amend the amendment, "that the Presidents of Councils be a committee to present the same."

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

And the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller (on leave granted),

Read in place and presented to the Chair, a bill, entitled "an Ordinance to fix and establish the mode of curbing and paving, and grading and constructing culverts within the City of Philadelphia." (*Appendix, No. 34.*)

And moved that the same be laid on the table and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Winship (on leave granted),

Read in place and presented to the Chair, a bill, entitled "an Ordinance to abolish a certain stand for empty market wagons."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to take up the resolutions from Select Council, relative to changing the places of holding the elections in certain Wards.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on Law, with resolutions annexed, entitled "Joint resolutions relative to changing the places of holding the elections in certain divisions in the Third, Eleventh, Fourteenth, Twenty-third and Thirteenth Wards.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions, when

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by adding the following:

Resolved, That the place of holding the elections in the tenth precinct of the Fourth Ward, be at the house of William Whitesides, northeast corner of Broad and Rose streets.

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend the second resolution, by striking out "Andrew T. Haas, No. 101 St. John street," and inserting "Red Lion Hotel, in Second street, below Noble."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Willetts

Moved to amend by adding the following:

Resolved, That the place of holding the elections in the Twelfth division of the Twenty-third Ward, shall be held at the house of Elijah Hoffman, in the village of Smithfield.

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolutions as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and M'Cleary.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Levering, King, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Conrad, Gordon, Green, Parham, Sandgran.

Yeas 52; nays 6.

Which was agreed to.

And the title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred in the amendments.

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the rules to afford him an opportunity to offer an ordinance.

And the motion being agreed to, offered the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee appointed to extend the courtesies of the City to the Mayor and Councils of Rochester, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty, and submit

the accompanying ordinance, for the payment of the expenses incurred thereby.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
JAS. A. FREEMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY,
THOS. CRAVEN,
PIERCE BUTLER.

Committee Room, Sept. 6, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to defray the expenses incurred in the reception and entertainment of a delegation from the Corporation of the City of Rochester.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the rules be suspended which forbid the reading of a bill twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. M'Cleary and M'Adams.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Parham, Parker, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Hassinger, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Taylor, Vanhorn.

Yeas 46 ; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, and on the question, "shall this bill pass?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and M'Cleary.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Barton, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Butler, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, King, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Parham, Parker, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Gay, Hassinger, Henry, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn.

Yeas 41 ; nays 16.

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Enos, (on leave granted,)

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways, Bridges, &c., be authorized to receive and consider any plan or plans that may be offered for the construction of a stone bridge over the river Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, and to receive proposals for the construction of the same, and that they report to Councils in relation thereto, at their earliest convenience.

Which was twice read, considered and adopted.

Mr. M'Cleary (on leave granted,)

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City be requested to report to this chamber at our next meeting, whether Richard Millward still holds the appointment of Lieutenant of the Police of the Nineteenth Ward, and if he does, by what authority he now holds a warrant for thirteen or fourteen days services of Policeman Jacob Jourdan, who has resigned, and has not as yet been enabled to obtain said warrant, although demanded some time since, and also this day. Also, if said Richard Millward still holds the office of Lieutenant, by what authority he is now engaged in other business.

The resolution was twice read, and on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed and made the special order of the day for next Thursday.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that when we adjourn, we will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Craven, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Hand, King, Manuel, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hassinger,

Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Mc'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Taylor.

Yeas 23; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved a call of the previous question, on the adoption of the resolution, and was sustained by the following members rising, viz:

Messrs. Reed, Gibson, Brouse, Parker, Borie, Fuller, Grayson, Berry, Hand, Enos.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put,"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Mr. Berry

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Sept. 13th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, Abraham,	Knorr,
Barton,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Bilyeu,	Mascher,
Bishop,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Miller, Hiram,
Bremer,	Miller, J. Washington,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Bockius,	M'Cleary,
Bumm,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parham,
Conrad,	Parker,
Davenport,	Patterson,
Davis,	Penrose,
Dougherty,	Reed,
Duane,	Ridgway,
Dunk,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dyer,	Roberts, Spencer,
Enos,	Roberts, T. J.,
Freeman,	Sandgran,
Fuller,	Steelling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Vanhorn,
Hancock,	Willetts,
Hand,	Winship,
Hassinger,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>
Henry,	

Mr. Willetts

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Baird, A. Baker, Biddle, Bishop, Bockius, Bremer, Chester, Dyer, Enos, Gordon, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, M'Mullen, Patterson, Penrose, Roberts (Spencer), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Willetts, Winship, each

Presented petitions from citizens, (numerously signed,) asking the grant of such privileges as may be necessary to secure a proper execution of the contemplated construction of a passenger railway, extending from the Navy Yard to the late District of Richmond.

Which were severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Winship

Presented a communication from the Vice President and Secretary of the Vigilant Fire Company, offering the services of said Company to the present Fire Department.

Which was read, when

Mr. Winship

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the services of the Vigilant Engine Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which was twice read, considered, and adopted.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a petition from R. A. Parrish and George A. Madeira, asking that a speedy disposition may be made of their petition submitted more than a year ago, for permission to construct a "passenger railway" from the Exchange to the Girard College and Fairmount.

Also,

Presented petitions (numerously signed) from residents on Arch street, asking that privileges may be granted for the construction of a passenger railway, (from the Exchange to the Girard College and Fairmount, via Arch street.)

Which were severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a petition from the members of the Tivoli Hose Company, asking that they may be included in the list of companies which are to receive an appropriation.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from owners of property on Ashton street, between Arch and Cherry, asking an alteration in the grade of said street, and the construction of a small culvert, to intersect with the large culvert in Arch street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Freeman

Presented a petition from residents and owners of property in the vicinity of Race street, west of Eleventh, asking that a gas lamp may be placed in "Clement court."

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Twenty-second street, between Green and Centre street, asking that the pipes for the conduit of the Schuylkill water, may be laid along said street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works, with power to act.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented a petition from owners of property on Richmond street, between Lehigh avenue and the Reading railroad, Nineteenth Ward, asking Councils not to pass any act authorizing an alteration of the grade of street.

Also,

Presented a petition from property holders on Amber street, between Wood and Norris streets, asking that the sidewalks may be curbed and paved on said street.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

Presented a petition from residents on Larch street, between Ann and Sorrell street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking to have the water introduced into said street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a petition from citizens of the seventh precinct of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the police force may be withdrawn from said precinct, and that said district may be made a rural one.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, without reading.

Mr. M'Mullen

Presented a petition from citizens of the Twenty-third Ward, asking the construction of a culvert over a run, running from West Cellar street to Adams street, in said Ward.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property fronting on Jessup street, between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, asking that the said street may be paved.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

The President

Submitted a communication from Samuel P. Marks, Clerk to the Board of Health, enclosing the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, The fearful epidemic which is devastating one or more of our neighbouring cities, admonishes us powerfully that it is our duty to our city to use every means in our power to preserve its present healthy condition ; *and whereas*, the present weather is eminently calculated to produce a decomposition both of vegetable and animal matter, which, rendering the atmosphere impure, both creates and sustains a general tendency to disease ; it is of paramount importance as the principal means of preserving its health, that the strictest and most summary sanitary precautionary measures should be observed by the custodians of the public health, in removing all nuisances and causes thereof, and in keeping clean all streets, lanes, alleys and gutters and sewers ; *and whereas*, the above duties devolve especially on the City Councils, through their subordinate departments, and the sanitary regulations and instructions from this Board not having been carried out by them ; therefore

Resolved, That the condition of the gutters, generally, and the inlets to the common sewers of the thickly populated parts of the City, are nuisances prejudicial to the public health.

Resolved, That we call upon City Councils forthwith to remove the above nuisances, and to cause water to be used daily throughout the streets, lanes and alleys, and by the frequent application of chloride of lime.

Resolved, That in the event of Councils refusing or neglecting immediate compliance with the above sanitary requisitions, that the health officer be instructed, under direction of the Board of Health, to carry out the above measures.

Which was read, when

Mr. Henry

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to make such use of the fire plugs as may

be requisite to cleanse thoroughly, the gutters of the several streets, lanes and alleys, and further to use such other expedients as may in their judgment tend to preserve the general health of the community.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "directed," "under the superintendence of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department."

Which amendment was accepted.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, to strike out "Board of Health," and insert "Chief Commissioner of Highways."

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed, and that Council proceed to the consideration of the resolution from Select Council on the same subject.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to employ a sufficient number of men to have the streets, lanes and alleys in the City, thoroughly washed and cleansed once in each week, for such time as the Committee on Health may deem requisite, and that the time and manner of opening the water plugs shall be furnished to said Commissioner by the Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

Which was twice read, and on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to strike out all after the word resolved, and insert the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed, under the superintendence of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, to make such use of the fire plugs as may be requisite to cleanse thoroughly the gutters of the several streets, lanes and alleys, and use such other expedients as may in their judgment tend to preserve the general health of the community.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, "and that the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall co-operate with the Board of Health to carry out this resolution."

Which amendment was accepted.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, by inserting "that the Chief Commissioner of Highways, under the supervision of the Board of Health and the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, be authorized."

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended, to wit :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, under the supervision of the Board of Health and the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, be authorized and directed to make such use of the fire plugs as may be requisite to cleanse thoroughly the gutters of the several streets, lanes and alleys, and that the Board of Health be authorized to use such other expedients as may in their judgment tend to preserve the general health of the community.

Was adopted.

The President

Laid before Councils the following communication from

Washington Gibbons, Esq., Clerk to the Common Council of the City of Rochester :

STATE OF NEW YORK, CITY OF ROCHESTER, SS. }
In Common Council, Sept. 6, 1855. }

His Honor the MAYOR made the following address :

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

Having in company with most of you, just returned from a delightful excursion to the City of Philadelphia, where, for the greater portion of a week, we were the guests of that City, and the recipients of its bountiful hospitality, I have deemed it due to ourselves, and to our City, to make, in and through this body, some official expression of our thanks, for the kindness and courtesy we received. The compliment thus paid through us as its representatives, if it cannot be requited, should be acknowledged.

It was not the individuals, who went to Philadelphia, who were honored by its authorities ;—it was Rochester ; it was our whole people—our youthful, enterprising and growing City, that the ancient and great City of the Keystone State designed to compliment. Most handsomely was it done. Let us acknowledge the compliment and express the thanks, which most profoundly are felt by our whole people, for the honor done us, and avow our desire to reciprocate the courtesy, kindness and compliment, in all fitting ways, as occasion and opportunity may serve. The heartfelt sentiment of our whole population demands such an expression at our hands. We can do no less now—more, I trust, we all hope to have the opportunity to do, hereafter.

Whereupon, Ald. Bennett submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That in the reception, by the public authorities of the City of Philadelphia, of the Mayor, members of the Common Council, and of the gentlemen who accompanied them on the recent excursion to that City, we are happy to recognize a proud compliment paid to this City, which we trust the corporate authorities, and the people of this City, will never fail to appreciate and acknowledge ; and we trust that the visit will tend to open acquaintance, and

beget an intercourse of trade. commerce, and otherwise, which will be mutually beneficial to both cities.

Resolved, That while we are aware that we cannot *adequately* reciprocate the compliment paid to this City, by the authorities and citizens of Philadelphia, on the occasion of said visit, the Common Council of this City will be ever happy to recognize their obligation, and will be pleased to receive and meet the public authorities of Philadelphia, or any part or portion thereof, in this City, at any time when it may suit their convenience to visit it, and we can assure them an earnest and cordial welcome from all our people.

Resolved, That the address of the Mayor to this meeting, as well as these resolutions, be entered on the minutes, and that certified copies thereof be forwarded by the Clerk, to the Mayor of Philadelphia, and the President of the Select and Common Councils of said City, with a request that they be laid before their respective bodies.

A true copy from the Minutes.

WASHINGTON GIBBONS,
Clerk.

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Penrose,

Ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Hancock

Presented a petition from citizens and property owners of the late district of Belmont, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking a special appropriation of five hundred feet of hose to the Monroe Fire Company of said Ward.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented several bills of George Kelly, for grading certain streets in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from James Hutchinson, G. M. of the Society of Freemasons of Pennsylvania, tendering an invitation to the members of Council to attend an address to be delivered in Independence Square, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., on the occasion of the dedication of their new hall on Chestnut street.

Which was read, and the invitation accepted.

Mr. Manuel

Presented sundry bills from the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, for gas consumed by the public lamps to Sept. 1st, 1855.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works, without reading.

Mr. Parham

Presented a communication from Charles Oat, Superintendent of Trusts, submitting the names of Jacob G. Carter, Sr., oak cooper, and T. K. Collins, printer, as securities for Jacob G. Carter, Jr., who has applied for a loan of \$260 from the legacy of John Scott.

And moved that the securities be approved, and the communication be referred to the Solicitor, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Trusts, with power to act.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hand,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

W. C. PATTERSON,
JAMES C. HAND,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
J. F. KNORR,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Resolved, That John N. Henderson, City Controller, employ a temporary clerk for the space of two months, at a salary of \$75 per month.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the annexed bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Controller," and recommend the adoption of the same.

W. C. PATTERSON,
JAMES C. HAND,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
J. F. KNORR,
W. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, Sept. 13, 1855.

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Manuel,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas Works beg leave to report the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropri-

ation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City," and ask the adoption of the same.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
Chairman.

R. M. BERRY,
A. G. WATERMAN,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER,
T. J. PERKINS,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
I. N. MARSELIS.

Committee Room, Sept. 13, 1855.

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the application of John Kane, for work done on Gray's Ferry Road, report

That they find said claim to be for work done for the District of Moyamensing, in the years 1849 and 1850 ; they

therefore deem it a subject for the action of the Committee on Claims, and ask that it may be referred to that body.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
GEORGE A. BINDER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Which report was read, and the claim so referred.

Also,

Made report relative to the resolution from Select Council, for giving out the cleansing of streets by contract, which was referred to the committee by this Chamber, that they report the same back as correct, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing of the City, be and they are hereby directed to contract for the cleansing of the City, for one year as follows :

With John Schaffer, for 1st district, at	-	-	\$12,000
“ Bechtel & Sowers, for 3d district,	-	-	11,000
“ Smith, Seckel & Co., for 4th district,	-	-	12,000
“ D. Harlan and Thos. Marks, for 5th district,			5,500

Said contracts to be drawn and approved by the City Solicitor.

Which was twice read, and on the question of agreeing to the same,

Mr. Penrose

Asked for the reading of the contract to be signed by the parties.

Which was read, and the resolution adopted.

Select Council

Inform that they have had under consideration, Bill No. 8, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to limit the expenses of the City," which they have negatived.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of taking up unfinished business.

And the same being agreed to,

Moved to proceed to the reading of the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the claim of Lane Schofield.

Which was agreed to.

The report was then read. (*Appendix, No. 35.*)

Mr. King .

Then submitted a minority report. (*Appendix, No. 35.*)

Which was also read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, for the payment of said claim.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and the whole matter be recommitted to the Committee, to take fresh testimony, and report the facts to this Chamber.

And the same being under consideration,

Mr. Fuller

Moved a call of the previous question, and was sustained in the call, by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. Fuller, Gordon, Martin, Patterson, Baird, McCleary, Duane, Abraham Baker, Dougherty, Andrew Miller.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put,"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment,
The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel
and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bumm, Conrad, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Gibson, Grayson, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Parham, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bishop, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Winship.

Yeas 23 ; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

And the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance, and proceed to the consideration of bill No. 18, Common Council File, "making an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor."

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hand, King, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Parker, Penrose, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Hassinger, Henry, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), O'Neill, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn.

Yeas 26 ; nays 22.

It was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1855."

And the same being on second reading,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend, to strike out \$75,500, and insert \$52,500, to wit:

To strike out \$24,000 supplies to the Almshouse, and insert \$20,000.

To strike out \$5,000 supplies to Medical Department of the Almshouse, and insert \$4,000.

To strike out \$5,000 incidental expenses, and insert \$2,000.

To strike out \$35,000 out-door relief, and insert \$20,000.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance, for the purpose of taking up bill, Common Council File, No. 14.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Freeman and Fuller.

But before being ordered,

Mr. Hand

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs Fuller and Freeman,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Bilyeu, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Dyer, Hand, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bishop, Butler, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson,

Gordon, Grayson, Hassinger, King, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Taylor, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Which was ruled out of order at the present time.

The yeas and nays were then ordered on Mr. Penrose's motion to postpone, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bilyeu, Brouse, Dougherty, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Marsh, O'Neill, Parham, Patterson, Penrose, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Parker, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling.

Yeas 19 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurring on the amendment offered by Mr. Gibson,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend by adding the following proviso :

“ *Provided*, that it shall not be lawful for the City Controller to approve or countersign any bill for expenditure of any portion of the said several sums herein appropriated, that has been incurred for carriage hire for the conveyance of Guardians and others to and from the Alms

House, or for food and refreshments for the Guardians' table.

Which amendment was agreed to.

The Clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented three messages in writing from the Mayor.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn, but withdrew the same for the purpose of having the messages from the Mayor read, to wit:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, September 13th, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to the following resolution, transmitted from your chamber, viz:

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City be requested to report to this chamber at our next meeting whether Richard Millward still holds the appointment of Lieutenant of the Police of the Nineteenth Ward, and if he does, by what authority he now holds a warrant of thirteen or fourteen days services of policeman Jacob Jourdan, who has resigned, and who has not as yet been enabled to obtain said warrant, although demanded some time since and also this day; also, if said Richard Millward still holds the office of Lieutenant, by what authority he is now engaged in other business.

I have the honor to state that Richard Millward resigned the police station, in which his meritorious zeal and unimpeachable integrity reflected credit upon the city government, on the thirty-first day of July, 1855. Sergeant Payne has since been promoted to the vacant post.

It is proper, perhaps, that I should mention, in this connexion, that a statement recently made, under circumstances apparently worthy of respect, having involved the Lieutenant of the Nineteenth Ward in a charge of violating the eleventh section of the ordinance organizing the Police Department, it became, of course, my duty to institute, as in all similar cases, an investigation of the facts. I have reason to be grateful to my fellow citizens for the general

disposition manifested to aid me in my efforts to maintain the purity of the police ; but regret that, in the instance referred to, although the usual efforts to obtain the necessary evidence were courteously resorted to, the citizen who made the statement declined to give the information indispensable to public, as well as to private justice ; upon rigid investigation, however, the statement was proved to be unfounded.

The second clause of the resolution inquires, “by what authority he now holds a warrant for thirteen or fourteen days services of policeman Jacob Jourdan, who has resigned, and has not as yet been enabled to obtain said warrant, although demanded some time since, and also this day.”

Of the statement here made—except the mere fact of the resignation of policeman Jourdan—I have no official, and have sought no other knowledge.

The contingency referred to, however, in the words “if he does,” (that is, if Richard Millward holds the appointment of Lieutenant,) having been ascertained in the negative, no further response to this inquiry is necessary.

But it may be proper to remind the Chamber that by the second section of the Ordinance of January 30th, 1855, all warrants of Police officers are directed to be drawn by the Marshal of Police, and that the details connected therewith are not, officially, nor in fact, within the knowledge of the Mayor.

In answer to the last clause of the resolution, to wit:—
“Also, if said Richard Millward still holds the office of Lieutenant, by what authority he is now engaged in other business.” I have the honor to refer the Chamber to the fact above stated, that Richard Millward does *not* hold the office mentioned ; and I beg leave to add, that I am wholly uninformed as to what business he is engaged in, or by what authority he is engaged in it.

With profound respect,

Your obedient serv't,

R. T. CONRAD,

Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 13, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor herewith to transmit a portrait of Washington, executed on the Jacquard loom, in Lyons, France, and presented by the manufacturers, Messrs. Pouson, Phillippe & Vibert, to the Mayor and Councils of Philadelphia.

Also, a communication from Chas. S. J. Goodrich, Esq., U. S. Consul at Lyons, through whom the portrait is presented.

Respectfully,

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 12th, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following ordinances, viz:

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for work on the police and fire alarm telegraph, by virtue of a certain contract.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to defray the expenses incurred in the reception and entertainment of a delegation from the corporation of the City of Rochester.”

“An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.”

Respectfully,

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, Sept. 18th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to the following call, to wit:

To WM. P. HACKER, *President of Common Council*:

DEAR SIR:—We, the undersigned, members of the Common Council, request you to call a special meeting of Common Council on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 18th, at 3 o'clock, to receive reports from Committees, and to consider the business on the President's desk from Select Council.

C. B. F. O'NEILL,
JAMES A. FREEMAN,
GEO. M. SANDGRAN,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
D. C. ENOS,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
WILLIAM DUANE,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
JOHN FULLER, JR.

J. M. RILEY, *Clerk*:

In accordance with the request of the twelve members whose names are signed to this paper, please call a special meeting of Common Council, for the purposes therein stated, for Tuesday afternoon, 18th instant, at 3 o'clock.

WM. P. HACKER,
President.

Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Bremer,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Hancock,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Houseman,
King,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, J. Washington,
Miller, Hiram,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Penrose,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Vanhorn,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President.*

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Samuel P. Marks, Clerk to the Board of Health, accompanied with a petition from citizens in the vicinity of Girard avenue and Franklin street, calling the attention of the Board of Health to the condition of the culvert at Girard avenue and Ninth street, requesting them to have it drained and kept open, together with a preamble and resolution from said Board, declaring the same to be a nuisance prejudicial to public health, and referring said petition to the City Councils, with

the request that immediate measures be taken forthwith for the remedy and abatement of the nuisance complained of.

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee appointed to investigate the damages done to James Harper & Co.

Mr. Ridgway,

From the Committee of Conference appointed on the ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, presented the following report:

To the Common Council :

The undersigned Committee of Conference appointed upon the disagreement between the two branches, on the amendments to the bill entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department," report that they have agreed to the following amendments:

SECTION 1. To strike out in the third line "\$23,803 32," and insert "\$28,193 25."

To strike out in the sixth line, the word "United."

To strike out in the twelfth line, the word "German-town," and insert "Roxborough."

To strike out in the twenty-second line, the words "for the amount due each of them."

To insert in the twenty-second line, the words "in lieu of the amount usually appropriated to them."

SECTION 2. To strike out all from the first to the fifteenth line inclusive, and insert the following: "To pay to such Engine and Hose Companies as may be hereafter admitted to the Department, the amounts to which they would have been entitled up to April 1, 1855."

SECTION 4. To strike out the eighth and tenth lines, the words "horse and wagon for one quarter one hundred dollars," "expenses of Chief Engineer's office to January, 1856, one hundred and fifty dollars."

And insert,

SECTION 8. That five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of hose, to be used in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

JACOB E. RIDGWAY,

W. S. WINSHIP,

ANDREW MILLER.

Committee of Common Council.

Which report was read and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the damages done to James Harper & Co., presented the following report, with an ordinance annexed, to wit: (*Appendix, No. 36.*)

An Ordinance to make appropriation for damages to James Harper & Co.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and proceed with the business of the afternoon.

Mr. Patterson

Arose to a point of order, which being stated is, "whether the ordinance could be properly considered at this time, as the meeting was called to receive reports," &c.

The Chair

Ruled the ordinance perfectly in order as a portion of that report, and that Council had passed to the second reading of the same.

On the question of agreeing to the motion of Mr. Penrose, to postpone,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Dunk, Freeman, Gay, Hancock, Henry, Houseman, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Parham, Patterson, Penrose, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Chester, Craven, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Vaux, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 26 ; nays 24.

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they have passed the following resolutions and ordinances, and ask concurrence :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be directed to lay pipes for water purposes, on Stiles and Cass streets, from Twelfth to Thirteenth streets, in the Twentieth Ward, provided the owners of the property on said streets pay for the same before laid.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That hereafter the voters of that portion of the Twenty-third Ward now placed in the Nineteenth Ward, by the supplement of the act of Consolidation, vote at the fourth precinct house of the Nineteenth Ward.

Which was twice read, and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Department on Surveys be, and are hereby directed to establish a grade on Harvey street,

between Green and Wayne streets, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Which was twice read, and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

That they had received a report from the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, relative to building a stand pipe at the Schuylkill works, accompanied with an ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department for supplying the City with water for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which report and ordinance were read.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Department of City Property be authorized and directed to rent the second story of the building, late the Commissioners' Hall of the Northern Liberties, to the Controllers of Public Schools, for school purposes.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following :

Whereas, Upon three different occasions this Council decided against the leasing or renting to the Consolidated Bank corporation, the Hall situated in Third street, below Green, known as Commissioners' Hall, Northern Liberties :

And whereas, The Committee on City Property, in their wisdom, and in direct opposition to a solemn vote of this Council, and in contradiction to an express provision in the law consolidating the City and Districts into one municipal corporation, providing against any and all Committees having executive power, have leased or rented to the said Consolidated Bank corporation the above-named hall, thereby have taken upon themselves power not delegated to them by ordinance, but in direct violation of the fundamental law upon which the government of this City is based. Therefore

Resolved, That this Council do not, and will not recognize the said lease, or contract, made by the Committee on City Property with the Consolidated Bank corporation of the City of Philadelphia, and do hereby declare said contract null and void, the said Committee having assumed powers not delegated to them by ordinance, but in direct opposition to the law prohibiting Committees of Council exercising or having executive power.

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Brouse.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Stevenson, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Bumm, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, King, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Patterson, Steelling, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 2 ; nays 19.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a call of the house.

And being ordered, forty-nine members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Baker, (A. J.) Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bilyeu, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Butler, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel,

Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), McMullen, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

A quorum of members being present, the President declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Stevenson

Appealed from the decision of the chair, but there not being a second, he was not sustained in the appeal, and

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the joint special committee on reform be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing, by ordinance, for sale of bread by weight, and report at an early day.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following ordinance :

An Ordinance dedicating Lemon Hill Estate to public use as a park.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

The first section was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Steelling,

Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to examine and report relative to the Parrish street culvert, on leave granted, made a statement why that committee were unable to make a report, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chief of the Board of Surveyors be, and the same is hereby directed to give to the Special Committee on the Parrish street culvert, all the facts and particulars resulting from his recent survey of the aforesaid culvert, in accordance with the resolution which passed this Chamber, on the 26th of July last, authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to confer with the said Chief of the Board of Surveyors, for the purpose of ascertaining the causes of the frequent freshets on the line of the aforesaid culvert, and the most practical means of remedy.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend to strike out "of the Board of Surveyors," and insert "Chief Engineer and Surveyor;" and to strike out "same" and insert "he," to strike out "directed," and insert "requested," and to strike out "of the Board of Surveyors" and insert "Engineer and Surveyor."

Which amendment was accepted,

And the resolution as amended was adopted.

Select Council informed that they have concurred in the bill entitled, "An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia," with the following amendments:

SECTION 1st, in fifth line, strike out "sixty-six" and insert "fifty," in sixth line, after the word "portions," insert "for the year 1855," in eighth line, to strike out words "first, second;" strike out all of the tenth line, from the

word "the" to the word "eighth," inclusive, in the eleventh line ; strike out the thirteenth line and insert the following : " All that part of the Twenty-fourth Ward, lying within the boundaries of the Kingsessing and Tinicum Meadow Company and paying bank tax," and add to the end of the section, the following : "And that no disbursements for watching, lighting, paving, and cleaning streets in said rural portions shall be authorized."

Also,

Add the following new section,

SECTION 2. That immediately after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to withdraw the police heretofore stationed in the divisions above referred to and upon which a deduction of tax is made.

Which was read, when

Mr. Hancock

Moved that this Council non-concur.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Ordinance organizing the Department of City Property, approved August 29th, 1855," with the following amendments :

At the end of the first and only section, add the following words :

Provided, That the collector of revenue of the tobacco warehouse shall be continued in office until after the sale of the tobacco warehouse.

Which amendment was concurred in.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be directed to confer with the joint Special Committee on pas-

senger railways, regarding a plan or system for their regulation and control, the best routes for the accommodation of the people, and also, on the propriety of admitting passenger railways in the public streets of Philadelphia.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner on City Property be, and he is authorized to have sold, at public auction, (notice of which sale shall be published in the papers advertising for the City,) such articles of furniture, fire proofs, benches, desks, &c., belonging to the City, as may have accumulated in the tobacco warehouse or elsewhere, and are not required for public use.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys be requested to examine the grade of Norris Square, preparatory to the paving of the footways around the same.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed the following resolution, entitled, "Joint resolution in relation to the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of Townsend Smith, late member of that Board from Thirteenth Ward."

Resolved, By Select and Common Councils, that an election be held in joint meeting, on the first Thursday in October next, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of the late Townsend Smith, member of said Board from the Thirteenth Ward.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Fuller

Moved to refer the resolution to the City Solicitor, to obtain his opinion thereon.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution, entitled: "A Resolution to direct the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, to cause water pipes to be laid."

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the department for supplying the City with water, be authorized and directed to cause water pipes of the dimension of six inches, to be laid in Franklin street, between Oxford and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, provided the parties interested pay the usual charge for laying the said pipe.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Also,

The following resolution regarding the paving of public streets.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized and required under the advice of the City Solicitor, to prevent by injunction or otherwise, the laying of pavements in any of the public streets of Philadelphia in an improper or unskilful manner, or with materials of an inferior quality, and all such pavements shall hereafter be laid under the immediate superintendence and inspection of the Department of Highways.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following, entitled,
“Joint resolution for the relief of Davis & Fitler.”

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby authorized to make an abatement of two hundred dollars on the lien which the Board of Health has against Davis & Fitler, in a suit entered in the District Court of the City and County of Philadelphia, of March term, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, No. 9, and upon the payment of the residue of said lien with costs, shall enter full satisfaction upon the records of said Court.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following ordinance :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the pay of Vaccine Physicians for the year 1855.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following ordinance, to wit :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Inspectors of the Prison.”

Which was read, and

On the motion for the second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following ordinance, to wit :

“ An Ordinance to notify the property owners on Hancock street and Adams street, in the Twenty-second Ward, that said streets will be required for public use.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

And section first was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading, when

Mr. Chester

Moved a call of the house, and the same being ordered, thirty-nine members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bilyeu, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hasinger, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), O'Neill, Parker,

Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.—39.

The Clerk announced a quorum of members present, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to:

So Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 20th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Houseman,
Baker, A. J.,	King,
Baker, Abraham,	Knorr,
Barton,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Mascher,
Binder,	Miller, Andrew,
Bishop,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Moore,
Brouse,	Murphy,
Bockius,	M'Adams,
Bumm,	M'Mullen,
Butler,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parker,
Conrad,	Patterson,
Craven,	Penrose,
Davenport,	Preston,
Davis,	Reed,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Duane,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dunk,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Sandgran,
Freeman,	Steelling,
Fuller,	Stevenson,
Gay,	Taylor,
Gibson,	Treadwell,
Gordon,	Vanhorn,
Grayson,	Vaux,
Green,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Henry,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

Mr. Barton

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended to hear the report of the Special Committee, appointed to inquire respecting certain alterations made in the bids for building the Moore street culvert.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend, "and to hear the report of the Special Committee on the Franklin avenue culvert."

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend the amendment "and the report of the Parrish street culvert."

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

And the amendment was agreed to, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, "to suspend the rules generally."

Which was not agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Health, (*see Journal, page 520,*) presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Health, on the subject of the nuisance caused by the culvert on Girard avenue, from Ninth street eastward, report

That we proceeded to discharge the duties of our appointment forthwith, and that we have viewed the nuisance complained of, and examined several citizens residing along

said avenue, and find that a number of persons are sick in consequence of said nuisance, and that private property is much injured thereby, that some two hundred persons are now out of employment, and will be kept from their business until the nuisance is abated. We have been informed that there is a large spring at or near N. E. corner of Ninth and Girard avenue, which can only be discharged through the culvert, and we are decidedly of the opinion that the direction of the Board of Health should be at once complied with, and a proper culvert laid from Ninth street, east along Girard avenue to Franklin street, thence northward to Thompson street; therefore, we ask the adoption of the annexed ordinance.

C. B. F. O'NEILL,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
GEO. M. SANDGRAN,
GEORGE F. GORDON.

“An Ordinance to abate a nuisance in accordance with a notice from the Board of Health.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading, when

On motion of Mr. Andrew Miller,

Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Whole, (Mr. Patterson in the chair,) on the consideration of the bill for special amendment.

And after some time spent therein, the Committee arose and reported the bill, with the following amendment:

“Provided that the costs and expenses of the construction of the said culvert shall be borne by the owners of property fronting on the street along which the same passes, in proportion to their respective fronts.”

And on the question of agreeing to the report of the Committee and amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Gay.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Binder, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Gay, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh.

NAYS — Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Borie, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Read, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 18 ; nays 42.

It was not agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, and on the question, " Shall this bill pass ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Welsh.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Miller (Hiram), Murphy, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, Stevenson, Taylor.

Yeas 44 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Grayson,

Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to inquire respecting certain alterations made in the bids for building the Moore street culvert, presented a report. (*Appendix, No. 37.*)

Which was read, when

Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the report be received, and printed in the Journal, and the Committee discharged.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling,

Chairman of the Special Committee on the Parrish street culvert, presented the following report, with a communication from Strickland Kneass, Esq., Chief Engineer and Surveyor:

The Special Committee of three, appointed on the 26th of last July, to act in conjunction with the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of this City, in making a thorough examination of the causes and the most effectual remedy of the freshets on the line of the Parrish street culvert, beg leave to make the following report:

That they, in connection with the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, made an examination of the aforesaid culvert, and the district which it drains. In prosecuting their inquiries, they found that the whole line of said culvert, with but slight exceptions, is subject during every heavy fall of rain, to most destructive freshets, filling parlors, stores, basements, cellars, &c., with the most filthy and unhealthy of all admixtures, street and culvert filth; thus not only destroying much valuable property, but endangering the lives of our fellow citizens, by being ever present in warm weather, to engender the worst forms of disease. It is apparent to your Committee that the present culvert in Parrish street, is entirely inadequate to drain so large an extent of territory as the established grades in this section of the

City necessarily throw into it, and that the urgency of the case imperatively demands that another culvert, of ample proportions, should be immediately constructed, to connect with the Parrish street culvert, somewhere between Sixth and Ninth streets, and thence run down Brown street to the river Delaware.

Your Committee had entertained the hope that before this period, they could have presented to your honorable body, the report of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor upon this subject, which report has been completed for some time, but to our great regret and disappointment, we were told after waiting patiently several weeks for its completion, that it could not be at the service of Councils until acted upon by the Board of Surveys. Being assured that said Board would meet last Monday, and take immediate action upon this report of their Chief, we agreed, with some reluctance, to postpone our report. But what was our surprise upon learning that at said meeting the Board of Surveyors refused to take any action upon said report, alleging as their only excuse, that Councils have no right to ask for information direct from their Chief, thus interposing a complete check to our inquiries.

Here, then, the matter rests, and in answer to the resolution which passed this body at our last meeting, requesting the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to furnish this Committee with the report which he had prepared upon this subject, or in other words, with the results of his inquiries upon this matter, he returns the accompanying reply, which is by no means the full and explicit information contemplated by each of the resolutions, nor is it what the great importance of the question and interests involved, so urgently demand.

And in conclusion, your Committee ask to be continued, hoping that they may soon be enabled to make a full and complete report, which is now prepared, and only requires the action of the Board of Surveyors, at which time an ordinance will be reported, to abate the evil complained of.

THOS. W. STEELLING,
Chairman.

GEO. A. BINDER,
J. TAYLOR.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, }
Office of Chief Engineer and Surveyor. }
PHILADELPHIA, Sept'r 20, 1855.

MESSRS. STEELLING, TAYLOR AND BINDER, *Special Committee of Common Council.*

GENTLEMEN:—The resolution of Common Council directing the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to report to your body the result of his investigations upon the subject of the Parrish street culvert, has been received, and take pleasure in stating that the results prove conclusively that the inefficiency of the culverts is occasioned by the want, in part, of capacity and suitable ventilation, and the requisite number of inlets, making it imperative that a new culvert should be constructed on the line of Brown street. A detailed report upon the subject has been prepared for the action of the Board of Surveyors, and is now in their hands, which course is necessary before presentation to councils as the report of the Department of Surveyors.

With respect,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Which was read, when

Mr. Craven

Moved that the report be received and the Committee continued.

Which was agreed to.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from the Committee having in charge the new Masonic Hall, extending an invitation to the officers and members of Councils to view the building, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Which was read, and the invitation accepted.

Mr. Biddle

Moved that the order of business be suspended, to take up bill Common Council File, No. 17.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hassinger and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Grayson, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Henry, King, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 26 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Taylor

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up a resolution from Select Council, "relative to changing the place of holding the election in the eighth precinct of the Sixteenth Ward," and

Presented a petition from the citizens of said precinct, asking such change.

Which petition was read, and laid on the table, and

The motion to suspend was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the place of voting of the eighth precinct, of the Sixteenth Ward, be removed from the house of John Carlin, deceased, situated on the southwest corner of Apple and George streets, to the house of Christian Schnitzell, No. 573 north Fifth street, above Poplar street.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the rules to take up a resolution from Select Council, "relative to the purchase of the hall of the American Philosophical Society."

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized on behalf of the City Corporation, to contract with the American Philosophical Society for the purchase of their hall and lot on the west side of Fifth street, below Chestnut, for a price equivalent to the sum of \$78,000, cash.

Which was twice read, and

On the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Butler, Chester, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, Manuel, Mascher, Moore, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Taylor, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, King, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Adams, Parker, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 24; nays 33.

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they insist on their amendments to the bill entitled, "An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia,"

and have appointed Messrs. Keyser, Welsh and Roberts, a Committee of Conference.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Willetts, Spencer Roberts and Has-singer, as a similar Committee on the part of Common Council.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the order of business, to offer a resolution.

Which being agreed to, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Solicitor of the City of Philadelphia be, and he is hereby authorized to take immediate steps to sue out an injunction to restrain the Philosophical Society from selling the property situate on Independence Square, on Fifth street, near Chestnut.

Which was twice read.

And on the question of agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridg-way and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Borie, Butler, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Freeman, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, King, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Moore, McAdams, Parker, Preston, Roberts (C. B.), Vaux, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Craven, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Fuller, Gay, Hand, Hassinger, Houseman, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (J. Washington), Patterson, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 23 ; nays 32.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to suspend the rules to take up a resolution from Select Council, relative to changing the precinct house of the Seventh Precinct of the Fourteenth Ward.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the precinct-house of the seventh precinct of the Fourteenth Ward, be changed from the southeast corner of Twelfth and Parrish streets, to the house of Charles Hinckle, at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Myrtle street.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

The President

Submitted a communication from Thomas Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways, with accompanying documents, relative to the contract for the cleansing of the Fourth District of the City, awarded to Messrs. Smith, Seckel & Co., as per resolution of Councils of the thirteenth September, (*Appendix No. 38.*)

Which were read, when

Mr. Gordon

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to contract for the cleansing of the Fourth District, with Francis S. Altemus & Co., instead of Smith, Seckel & Co., agreeable to the condition contained in a resolution, approved September 19, 1855, (*Page 511, Common Council Journal.*)

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

The President

Laid before Council the following Message from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Sept'r 20, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following ordinances and resolutions, viz :

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to abolish a certain stand for empty market wagons.”

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance supplemental to an Ordinance, entitled ‘An Ordinance relating to hackney carriages, approved the tenth day of May, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-five.’”

An ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department.”

“A Resolution to authorize notice to be given of the intended opening of certain streets.”

“A Resolution relating to the vacation of Turner's lane.”

Respectfully,

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Also,

Submitted the following communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., City Solicitor, relative to the “Joint resolution, in relation to the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of Townsend Smith, late member of that Board, from Thirteenth Ward,” and which had been referred to him by this chamber for an opinion.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, September 19, 1855. }

By the second clause of the forty-sixth section of the Consolidation Act, it is provided that “Whenever any *election officer* of said city shall die, or become incapable of fulfilling the duties of his office, his place, except where other pro-

vision is made for filling the vacancy, shall be filled by a joint vote of the City Councils, until the next city election and the qualification of a successor in the office.

Under the provisions of this law, I am of the opinion that the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of one of its members, should be filled by a joint vote of the City Councils.

ISAAC HAZLEHURST.

Which was read, when

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, to wit:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that an election be held in joint meeting, on the first Thursday in October, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of the late Townsend Smith, member of said Board, from the Thirteenth Ward.

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of

Mr. Duane,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 27, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Houseman,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Moore,
M^cAdams,
M^cCleary,
M^cMullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willets,
Winship,
Hacker, *President.*

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Holley street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, asking that the water pipes may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Also,

Presented a petition from property holders in the vicinity of Ninth and Morris streets, asking that the water courses may be opened on said streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Davenport

Presented a petition from property owners on Fifteenth street, between Christian and Carpenter streets, asking for the introduction of the Schuylkill water along said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a communication from Joseph Brown, submitting the names of Peter Lamb, Jr., and Jacob Wilkins, as his securities as supervisor of Third and Fourth Wards.

Also,

Presented a communication from George Phillips, submitting the names of Adam S. Young and William Allen, as his securities as supervisor of the First Ward.

Also,

Presented a communication from John Sailor, submit-

ting the names of Jacob F. Brickley and Benjamin E. Hooven, as his securities as supervisor of the Fifteenth Ward.

Also,

Presented a communication from Richard M. Batturs, submitting the names of Daniel B. Beitler and Curtis Clayton, Jr., as his securities as supervisor of the Ninth and Tenth Wards.

Mr. Parham

Presented a communication from James Work, submitting the names of Alexander M. Fox and William R. Bald, as his securities for the office of supervisor of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Also,

Presented a communication from Anthony Conrad, submitting the name of Charles B. Smith as his security for the office of supervisor of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a communication from Israel N. Bell, submitting as his securities for the office of supervisor of the Nineteenth Ward, the names of Solomon Wagner and Jeremiah E. Eldridge.

Also,

Presented a communication from Isaac B. Dare, submitting the names of William Faunce, Sr. and Ahab Hunter, as his securities for the office of Supervisor of the Eighteenth Ward.

Mr. Preston

Presented a communication from Edward Strouss, submitting the names of James Preston and Edward Preston, as his securities as Supervisor of the second division of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Dyer

Presented a communication from Joseph Rheiner, submitting the names of John Campman and William Scargle,

as his securities as Supervisor of the first division of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. M'Mullen

Presented a communication from W. P. Cooper, submitting the names of Samuel Wilson and Daniel Faunce, as his securities for the office of Supervisor of the second division of the Twenty-third Ward.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Messrs. Borie, Conrad, Davenport, Grayson, Parham, Patterson, Taylor and Vaux, each,

Presented petitions, numerously signed, asking that such privileges may be granted as may be necessary, to secure a proper execution of the contemplated construction of a passenger railway from the Navy Yard to the late District of Richmond.

Which were severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of said subject, without reading.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Presented a petition from citizens of the seventh precinct of the Ninth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Patterson

Presented a remonstrance from citizens residing on Arch street, protesting against the construction of a passenger railway on said street.

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Barton

Presented a communication from Lawrence Myers, extending an invitation to examine a working model of his Safety Railroad Gate.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Parham

Presented a petition from voters of the eighth division of the Sixteenth Ward, asking Councils to restore by a reconsideration of their votes, the place of voting in said division to its old place, when

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to reconsider the vote.

The President

Informed that the resolution was not in the possession of Council, the same having been handed to the Mayor for approval.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from citizens, asking that a committee may be appointed to inquire into, and report, upon what authority the Hon. Robert T. Conrad, Mayor, exercises judicial authority.

Which was read, when

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that a Special Committee be appointed.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to refer the petition to the Committee on Law.

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Bunn

Presented a petition from property holders along Duke street, from Palmer to Wood, and Wood to Gaul streets, and on West street from Wood to Vienna street, asking that the Kensington Gas Company may be granted the privilege of laying their pipes along the said streets.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Peall

Presented a petition from the Richmond Artillerists, asking permission to use the Richmond Hall for the purpose of holding a military ball.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from property holders in the vicinity of Union street, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that said street may be graded to the recorded grade of that portion of the District of West Philadelphia.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Laid before Council sundry bills from the Board of Health.

Which were read, and referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A communication from Bernard Sherry, relative to the water having been stopped off from his hydrant.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A petition from property holders on Pearl street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets in the Fifteenth Ward, asking the construction of a culvert along said street, to empty into the one already constructed in Sixteenth street.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to offer a resolution.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the rules, to take up a resolution on the President's desk, from Select Council, relative to coal lands in Schuylkill County belonging to the Girard Estates.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Girard Estates be, and they are hereby authorized to have a geological and topographical survey and examination made of the coal lands in Schuylkill County belonging to the said estate, preparatory to leasing them, provided the expense shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the said committee be and they are hereby authorized to advertise at such time as they shall deem proper, for proposals to lease such parts of the Girard coal lands, in Schuylkill County, as they may deem expedient and prepare contracts for leasing the same, subject to the approval and confirmation of Councils.

Which were severally twice read, considered and agreed to.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned.” (*Appendix* No. 39.)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, and

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and that the Solicitor be requested to communicate to this chamber the nature of the defence made in the case.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend, to refer the same to the Committee on Law, to report all the facts connected with the case.

Which amendment was accepted.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.” (*Appendix, No. 40.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, made report accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the purposes therein mentioned.” (*Appendix, No. 41.*)

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Preston.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Bockius, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Henry, King, Manuel, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Welsh, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Bremer, Brouse, Bumm, Butler, Dougherty, Gay, Gibson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parham, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

Yeas 36 ; nays 25.

It was agreed to.

The ordinance was then read a second time, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), M'Adams, M'Cleary, Parham, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Dunk, Dyer, Freeman, Gordon, Hand, Henry, King, Manuel, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 40 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, to whom the matter was referred, made report accompanied by an ordinance, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain road damages in certificates of City debt.” (*Appendix, No. 42.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, and

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend, by adding the following:

“To William Early, the sum of \$1,250 for damages sustained by the widening of Poplar street, from Sixth to Marshall street.

“To Daniel Jeffras \$3,800, assessed for the damages of the opening of Columbia street.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to refer the ordinance back to the Committee on Highways, to make a special report thereon.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, “and to designate in every case, whether damages have been assessed by a jury, and their report confirmed by Court.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution authorizing the paving of certain streets. (*Appendix, No. 43.*)

Which was read and laid upon the table.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance declaring Merchant street, running northward from Thompson street to Master street, between Eighth and Franklin streets, in the Twentieth Ward, City of Philadelphia, a public highway.” (*Appendix, No. 44.*)

Which was read, when

Mr. Manuel

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to open Wallace street, from Broad to Sixteenth street, for public use.” (*Appendix, No. 45.*)

The report was read, when

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to proceed to the reading of the ordinance.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution “directing the curbing and paving of sidewalks by the owners of property on Ball

street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and Rittenhouse street in the 'Twenty-second Ward.'" (*Appendix No. 46.*)

The report was read, when

Mr. Gay

Moved to proceed to the reading of the resolution,
Which was not agreed to.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution "for providing means for the construction of such culverts as may be approved by Councils." (*Appendix No. 47.*)

The report was read, when

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to proceed to the reading of the resolution.
Which was not agreed to.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution "relative to the grade of Bridgewater street, at Market, Oak and Chestnut streets." (*Appendix No. 48.*)

Which report was read, when

Mr. Enos

Moved to proceed to the reading of the resolution.
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking up other business.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Manuel,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expense of lighting the City.” (*Appendix, No. 49.*)

The report was read, when

Mr. Manuel

Moved to proceed to the reading of the ordinance.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain fire companies.” (*Appendix, No. 50.*)

The report was read, when

Mr. Parham

Moved that the ordinance be read, and that hereafter, all ordinances and resolutions attached to reports, be considered as a part of said report.

Which was agreed to.

The ordinance was then read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill having been so prepared,

Mr. Parham

Moved to suspend the rule which forbids the reading of a bill twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Fuller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Binder, Bishop, Bremer, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hassinger, Houseman, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Moore, M'Cleary, Parham, Parker, Reed, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Brouse, Butler, Davis, Dougherty, Freeman, Gay, Henry, King, Miller (Andrew), Patterson, Penrose, Roberts (Spencer), Taylor, Willetts.

Yeas 37 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution, and the same being agreed to, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all bills now on file or hereafter reported by Committees, or read in place, be printed and placed upon the file of members in the order in which they are presented, and they shall be considered in that order.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Winship,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following communication from Edward D. Yates, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department :

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27th 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, held on Monday evening, September 24th, 1855, an election was held in conformity with the fourth and fifth section of the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance re-organizing the

Fire Department, requiring said Board to ballot annually, in September, for five persons for Chief Engineer, and the three persons receiving the highest number of votes to be nominated to Councils for said office; and at the same time to ballot for three persons from each fire district, for Assistant Engineers, and the three having the highest number of votes to be returned to Councils for Councils to elect therefrom. The following was the result:

For Chief Engineer.

T. West Blake received	-	-	-	32 votes.
B. A Shoemaker “	-	-	-	29 “
Samuel P. Fearon “	-	-	-	23 “

For Assistant Engineer.

FIRST FIRE DISTRICT.

Isaac Lower received	-	-	-	35 votes.
Robert Smith “	-	-	-	28 “
John C. Poulson “	-	-	-	25 “

SECOND DISTRICT.

John B. Morasso received	-	-	-	46 votes.
Charles M. Young “	-	-	-	36 “
John A. Rolin “	-	-	-	19 “
Wm. W. Wallace “	-	-	-	19 “

Four being returned in consequence of a tie vote.

THIRD DISTRICT.

S. A. Batturs received	-	-	-	39 votes.
Henry Robinson “	-	-	-	39 “
Wm. A. Thorp “	-	-	-	25 “

FOURTH DISTRICT.

H. Clotworthy received	-	-	-	29 votes.
Josiah C. Randolph “	-	-	-	24 “
Benjamin Wharton “	-	-	-	22 “

FIFTH DISTRICT.

William Glenn received	-	-	-	32 votes.
Isaac K. Osman “	-	-	-	27 “
Jos. H. Comly “	-	-	-	27 “

SIXTH DISTRICT.

J. C. Tully received	- - - -	42 votes.
T. B. Rittenhouse	" - - - -	32 "
G. Rittenhouse	" - - - -	21 "

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

T. A. Andrews received	- - - -	38 votes.
F. J. Sorber	" - - - -	36 "
R. C. Hicks	" - - - -	33 "

Respectfully,

EDWARD D. YATES,

Sec'y of Board of Director of the Fire Department.

Which was read, when

Mr. Winship

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Select Council be informed that this Council will meet them in Convention, at 5 o'clock, on Thursday afternoon next, for the purpose of electing Chief and Assistant Engineers for the Fire Department.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Hancock,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Parham

Moved to amend, to add "And Superintendent of Trusts."

Which amendment was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make appropriation to the Department of Markets." (*Appendix No. 51.*)

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Bishop,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution to pay the expenses of repairing certain wharves, and for ground rent due. (*Appendix No. 52.*)

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to draw warrants in favor of James Nelson, for forty-seven dollars and six cents, for repaving Washington street wharf, and estate of Cadwalader Evans, for one hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents, for six months ground rent on lot on Wood street (Schuylkill), due first of September last; said amounts to be paid out of the appropriation for cleansing docks made to the Department, approved the 12th day of February, A. D. 1855.

Which resolution was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules, to take up the ordinance making an appropriation to pay Lane Schofield.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to suspend the rules, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 18, Common Council File, making an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, by Select and Common Council, That the place of voting in the eighth precinct of the Sixteenth Ward be held at the house of Mrs. Carlin, corner of George and Apple streets, and all resolutions or ordinances inconsistent herewith, be, and are hereby repealed.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas be, and they are hereby requested to confer with the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, with a view to appropriate a sufficient amount of the late loan of five hundred thousand dollars to the purchase of the real estate and gas apparatus of the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company.

Which was read.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Northern Liberty Fire Company be admitted to membership in the fire department of the City of Philadelphia.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Broomall, Butler, Conrad, Craven, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, King, Marsh, Moore, O'Neill, Parham, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Berry, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Fuller, Gay, Green, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, Parker, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 34 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Which was read, when

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Patterson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Grayson, Green, Hand, King, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker,

Penrose, Preston, Reed, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Treadwell, Willetts.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Craven, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hassinger, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Moore, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 27 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Butler, Craven, Freeman, Fuller, Hancock, Hassinger, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Moore, M'Cleary, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bishop, Broomall, Chester, Conrad, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hand, King, Manuel, Marsh, Parham, Parker, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Sandgran, Treadwell, Willetts.

Yeas 29 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was then read a second time, when

Mr. Reed

Moved to amend, to strike out "three o'clock, P. M." and insert "evening at seven o'clock."

On this motion,

Ir. Hassinger

Demanded the yeas and nays, but subsequently withdrew the same.

Mr. Berry

Renewed the demand, but subsequently withdrew the same.

The amendment was then agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, and the same being under consideration.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Council adjourned.

MONDAY, October 1st, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to the following call, to wit :

To WM. P. HACKER, ESQ., *President* :

SIR: You are respectfully requested to call a special meeting of Common Council on Monday next, 1st prox., at 3 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of considering resolutions and ordinances from Select Council, and ordinances on second and third reading.

W. C. PATTERSON,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
D. S. HASSINGER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
THOS. W. STEELLING,
J. F. MASCHER,
CHAS. B. ROBERTS,
D. M'CLEARY,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
JOHN WELSH,
ANDREW MILLER,
PIERCE BUTLER,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JAMES A. FREEMAN.

JOHN M. RILEY, Esq., *Clerk Common Council* :

Will please notify the members of Common Council, for a meeting, agreeably with the within request, for Monday afternoon, 1st of October.

WM. P. HACKER,
President.

September 28th, 1855.

Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Berry,
Biddle,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Bremer,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Houseman,
King,
Knorr,

Messrs. Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Murphy,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vanhorn,
Vaux,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Select Council

Informed that they have had under consideration, the amendments made by Common Council to the bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance for the regulation of Signs, Awnings, and Awning Posts.”

They have concurred in the amendment in the first section, by striking out “July,” and inserting “September,” in the second line.

In the fourth line, to strike out the words "on any foot pavement," and add to the end of the section, the words "less than seven feet six inches in the clear from said pavement."

Was non-concurred in.

In Section Second, first line, strike out "July," and insert "September."

Was concurred in.

In Section Third, first line, strike out "July," and insert "September."

Was concurred in.

In the same section, and add to the end of the section the words, "and further provided, that it shall not prevent the repair of any awning posts with the same material as those now in use."

Was non-concurred in.

In striking out Section Fourth,

Was non-concurred in.

In adding new section, as Section Fifth,

Was concurred in.

Which was read, when

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Common Council insist on their amendments, and that a committee of conference be appointed.

Which was agreed to, and

Messrs. Andrew Miller, Fuller and Parker were appointed as said committee, on the part of Common Council.

Select Council

Informed that they had had under consideration the amendments made by Common Council to the bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to regulate the construction of vaults under the streets, and to provide for the enforcement of useful regulations during the time of such construction."

In the first section, from the word "thereof" in the fifth line to the word "street" in the eighth line, (inclusive.)

Was concurred in.

SECTION 2. Strike out in the third line, "two dollars," and insert "twenty-five cents."

Was non-concurred in.

Strike out from the word "vault" on the fourth line, to "and" on the sixth line.

And from the word "thereof" in the eighth line, to the end of the section.

Were concurred in.

SECTION 3. Inserted after the word "thickness" in the fourth line, the words "or of any other substantial material which may be authorized by the Commissioner of Highways."

Was non concurred in.

Which was read, when

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that Common Council insist on their amendments, and that a committee of conference be appointed.

Which was agreed to.

And Messrs. Ridgway, Hiram Miller and Craven were appointed said committee on the part of Common Council.

Also,

Informed that they had non-concurred in the amendments to the bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to appropriate a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-first Ward for a public burial ground."

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved that Common Council recede.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the District Surveyors and Regulators,”

With the following amendments :

SECTION 1. In fourth and fifth lines, insert the words “or the Mayor.”

SECTION 2. In thirteenth line, to insert after the word “grades” the words “as the necessities of the City shall require.” And in fourteenth line, insert the words “to be submitted” after the word “necessary”; also, strike out the words “as the necessities of the City shall require” in the fifteenth line.

SECTION 3. In third and fourth lines to insert the words “by the request of three members of the Board.”

SECTION 6. To insert the word “and” at the end of first line; insert after the word “minutes” in fifth line, the words “notes, memoranda,” and the word “the” before the word “principal.”

SECTION 7. Strike out in fifth line, the words “to buildings that,” and insert the words, “thereto whenever such building or buildings;” and in ninth line, to insert after the word “set,” the words, “nor streets or other highways graded.” In the nineteenth line, to insert the words “and all other fines under this ordinance.” In the twenty-ninth line, to insert after the word “ten,” the word “working,” strike out the words “being requested,” and insert the words “notice being given at the proper office.” Strike out in the thirtieth line, the words “to the person desiring such survey,” and insert at the end of the section, the following proviso :

And provided further, That every such building, wall or other structure, so extended beyond the line of any street, road, lane, alley or adjoining property, shall be removed by direction of the Department of Surveys, at the expense of the owner or owners thereof.

Provided further, That each of the District Surveyors shall give bonds, with two securities, in the sum of \$4000, conditioned for the payment of any damages or expenses that may arise in consequence of any mistake, or error, made by him or either of them, in giving the lines or heights of any lot or lots, to be sued for and recovered by the person or persons aggrieved, as damages in other cases are now recoverable.

Also, to add the following new sections :

SECTION 8. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall, by and with the advice and consent of Select Council, appoint a recording clerk, whose duty it shall be, under his direction, to assist in the charge of the office, in making and copying drafts, in recording documents, and in such business as may be required. He shall act as Secretary of the Board of Surveyors, and keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall receive a yearly compensation of eight hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

SECTION 9. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall, by and with the advice and consent of Select Council, appoint a messenger and prescribe his duties. The salary of the messenger shall be five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

SECTION 10. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, payable quarterly, for all services by him to be performed, and the District Surveyors, for keeping the public record of surveys, performing all services as a member of said board, and all other official services which may be required of them for the City of Philadelphia, shall each receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars, as provided by Act of Assembly, payable quarterly, in addition to such fees and charges as are or hereafter provided for.

SECTION 11. That the following schedule or rates of charges for work, shall be allowable, in advance, to the District Surveyors, by the owners of property on or adjoining streets wherein the same shall have been ordered or done, viz :

For surveying and regulating each single lot of not				
more than twenty feet front,	-	-	-	\$3 00

Each single lot of more than twenty and not over forty feet front, - - - - -	\$4 00
Each single lot of more than forty and not over sixty feet front, - - - - -	5 00
Each single lot of more than sixty and not over one hundred feet front, - - - - -	6 00
For each additional one hundred feet front, - - -	1 00
For measuring, making drawings and returns for water pipes, two cents per lineal foot, to be paid by the City.	
For gutter or grading stakes, one cent per lineal foot, to be paid by the City.	
For furnishing curb heights and stakes for one hun- dred feet front, or less, - - - - -	2 50
One-half cent, per foot, for each additional foot of front.	
For measuring and making returns of paving and curbing, two cents per lineal foot, of property on each side, to be paid by the City.	
For furnishing the heights for recurbing or repaving, two cents per lineal foot.	

Which were read, when

Mr. Hassinger

Moved the further consideration of the same be postponed, and the bill be printed for the use of members, the amendments in italics.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution relative to the notification of owners of property on certain streets, to pave their footways, with the following amendments.

Add to the end thereof, "Provided, That no work shall be done, or materials supplied under this resolution, at the cost of the City."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution relative to the consolidation of certain Departments, with the following amendments.

To strike out the words "on Wharves and Public Landings," and insert the words, "appointed to provide for the reduction of the expenses of the City."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution relative to the consolidation of certain Departments, with the following amendments.

To strike out the words "on Market Houses," and insert the words "appointed to provide for the reduction of the expenses of the City."

Common Council non-concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the place of voting in the sixth precinct. of the Sixth Ward, be changed from the Hermann House, in Race street, to No. 14 Cherry street, at the sign of the Golden Fleece, being more central, and in conformity with the petition of the residents of that precinct.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property, (under the supervision of the Committee,) be and he is hereby authorized to lease the Hall of the late District of Kensington, to the Emanuel Protestant Episcopal Church,

for the term of three months, at a rent of fifty dollars per quarter.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following preamble and resolution, relative to the sale of the main line of Public Works.

Whereas, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted a law for the sale of the main line of Public Works, wherein provision is made to exempt the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from the payment of a tax upon tonnage if they become purchasers of said works, and

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia being largely interested in the Capital Stock of said Company, as also in the general trade and business of these great lines of inter-communication through our state, therefore

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to confer with the Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the subject of the sale of the Public Works, and the proper policy to be pursued for the protection of the City interests as connected therewith, and report to Councils the result of their action whenever they shall deem it expedient.

The resolution was twice read, and on motion of

Mr. Patterson,

The further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution relative to forming trains of carts, drays, or other vehicles

of burden, in the highways of the City, with the following amendment :

Strike out in the second line, the words "to report," and insert the words, "to inquire into the expediency of reporting."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to fix the hour at which the Markets on Saturday afternoon shall close."

With the following amendments :

In the first section, strike out "ten" and insert the words "nine and a-half."

In the second section, strike out "ten" and insert the words "nine and a-half."

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Also,

Inform that they have had under consideration, a bill entitled,

"An Ordinance to re-organize the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved that the further consideration thereof, be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson,

Gordon, Grayson, Houseman, King, M'Mullen, Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Treadwell, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Freeman, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 24 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, "and be printed for the use of members, the amendments in italics."

The amendment was accepted.

And on the question of agreeing to the motion,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Patterson and Willetts.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bilyeu, Bishop, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Houseman, King, Miller (Hiram), Parker, Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Patterson, Peall, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

Yeas 28 ; nays 26.

It was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, By the second section of an act, entitled, "A Supplement to the act consolidating the City of Philadelphia," approved the 21st day of April, A. D. 1855, it is enjoined that it shall be the duty of the Select and Common Councils of said City, to designate the place of holding the elections in the several election divisions of the Wards in said City, and to notify the Sheriff thereof, at least thirty days prior to the second Tuesday of October next. Therefore,

Resolved, That the members of Councils from the various Wards be requested to present to Councils all applications for any changes of precinct houses that may be required in their various Wards, on or before Thursday, the 16th instant.

Which was twice read, and

On motion of

Mr. Gordon,

It was laid on the table.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the property holders on Delancy street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth streets, be and they are hereby authorized to pave said street, provided the same shall be done subject to the supervision of the Department of Highways.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend, "provided the same shall be done without cost to the City treasury."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be requested to commence such proceeding at law, as is indicated under the ninth section of the act of April 12th, A. D. 1853 (Pamphlet laws), entitled, "An act relating to the Greenwich Land and Building Association," for the removal of a "bone boiling establishment" at the intersection of Gunner's run creek with Richmond lane or Ann street.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors be directed to fix the curb regulation on Waterloo street from Clearfield street to Richmond lane, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of property on Duke street, from Maple to Clearfield streets ; Brown street, from Clearfield to Maple streets, and Gold street, from Duke to Brown streets, be notified to curb and pave their footways within thirty days.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the interest shall cease and determine on all warrants that shall have been, or may be endorsed or countersigned by the City Treasurer, on and after public notice has been given that such warrants will be paid on presentation at his office, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed and required to give public notice immediately upon his having funds for the payment of said warrants.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Department of City Property, on the 15th of February last, as shall amount to three thousand five hundred and fifty five ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ dollars, be transferred from the following accounts, viz :

From appropriation to pay taxes on City property,	\$147	75
“ “ to Independence Hall and		
Steeple, - -	907	71
“ “ to pave footways around City		
property, - -	1,500	00
“ “ to pave footways around Le-		
mon hill, - -	1,000	00
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	\$3,555	46

And the same be appropriated as follows :

To Jefferson Square, - - - -	\$534	42
To expenses of office and stationery, - -	200	00
To Public Squares, salaries, &c., -	2,746	58
To fitting up Independence Hall, - - -	74	46
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	\$3,555	46

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be authorized to purchase two thousand feet of new hose, to be distributed in such districts of the City as may need the same, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be directed to discontinue the granting of permission to open the fire plugs, for the purpose of sprinkling the streets of the City.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the further consideration of the same be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway, seconded by Mr. Davenport,

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had non-concurred in the amendment to the resolution “relative to cleansing streets.”

Which was read, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that Common Council insist on their amendment, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution, entitled,

“Joint resolution in relation to a vault in Carter street, now being constructed for private purposes.”

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be instructed to report immediately by what authority a vault is now being constructed under the cartway of Carter street, for private purposes.

Which was twice read, considered, and adopted.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be, and are hereby directed to establish a grade on Market street, from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street; Green street, from Rittenhouse to School streets; Wistar street, from Germantown avenue to Bristol street; Manheim street, from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street, and East Washington avenue, from Germantown avenue to Bristol street, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Bockius

Moved to amend, to add, “also Queen street, from Germantown avenue to township line.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to amend by adding the following :

And that the Surveyor of the eleventh surveying district be directed to lay out and fix the lines of the streets (and establish the grades on the same), of that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward, which lies between Westminster avenue and Columbia avenue, and River street and Fisher avenue ; the same to be done under the supervision of the Chief Surveyor, in accordance with the act of Assembly, entitled, " A Supplement to the act consolidating the City of Philadelphia, April 21st, 1855."

Which amendment was not agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

Messrs. Gordon and Gibson,

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Which was agreed to, when

Mr. Gibson

Moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Surveys.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Surveys be directed to give the lines of Crease lane, from Ridge pike to Livezey's mill road, and the lines of Queen lane from Ridge pike to Scott's road ; also Centre street, from Main street to Manayunk avenue, Twenty-first Ward.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Gibson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Surveys.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to grant to such citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, as may apply for the same, permission to erect a temporary bridge across Gunner's run canal, where the said canal crosses Cedar street, and, also, to lay down temporarily, a plank footway in the vicinage of the same. *Provided*, the construction of the said bridge, and the laying down of said footway, shall be at the cost of the persons applying for the privilege of erecting said bridge and the laying down of said footway, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Highways, and provided the same shall be removed whenever the Department of Highways may deem the same expedient.

Which was read twice, considered and agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend, to strike out “Department of Highways,” and insert “Department of Surveys and Regulations.”

Which was not agreed to.

The first section was then agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Bockius

Moved to take up the ordinance to notify the property owners on Hancock street and Adams street, in the Twenty-second Ward, that said streets will be required for public use.

Which was agreed to.

The ordinance being upon third reading,

It was then read a third time and agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they had passed a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to change the name of Market street, in the Twenty-second Ward.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Water.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Mr. Fuller

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, and that the bill be printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

And on the motion to suspend the rules, and proceed to a third reading and consideration of the bill,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, King, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew) Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Reed, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Fuller, Sandgran.

Yeas 36; nays 2.

It was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate and graduate the salaries of certain officers."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to consider the same by items.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend on the fourth line, Mayor's salary, to strike out 4000 and insert 3000.

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Chester and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Gay, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller, (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 25.

Which was agreed to.

Second item.—Mayor's Clerk.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 1200 and insert 1000.

Which was agreed to.

Third item.—Agreed to.

Fourth item.—Marshal's Clerk.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out 1000 and insert 800.

Mr. Bumm

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out 1000 and insert 200.

Which was agreed to.

Fifth item.—City Solicitor.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 2500 and insert 2000.

Which was agreed to.

Sixth item.—Solicitor's First Assistant.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 2000 and insert 1500.

Which was agreed to.

Seventh item.—Solicitor's Assistants.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 1000 and insert 800.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out 1000 and insert 500.

Which was agreed to.

Eighth item.—Solicitor's Clerk.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to strike out 800 and insert 500.

Which was agreed to.

Ninth item.—Controller.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to strike out 2500 and insert 1000.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend, to insert 1500.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to insert 2000.

Which was agreed to.

Tenth item.—Controller's principal Clerk.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 1200 and insert 1000.

Which was agreed to.

Eleventh item.—Four Assistants.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 900 and insert 800.

Which was agreed to.

Twelfth item.—Messenger,

Was agreed to.

Thirteenth item.—City Treasurer,

Was agreed to.

Fourteenth item.—Book-keeper.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to strike out 1200 and insert 1000.

Which was agreed to.

Fifteenth item.—Stock Clerk.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to strike out 900 and insert 850.

Which was agreed to.

Sixteenth item.—Two Miscellaneous Clerks.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to strike out 800 and insert 850.

Which was agreed to.

Seventeenth item.—Messenger,

Was agreed to.

Eighteenth item.—Receiver of Taxes.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to strike out 2500 and insert 2000.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Conrad and Biddle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Chester, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Hancock, Hassinger, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew) Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Mc'Cleary, Patterson, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Craven, Dyer, Freeman, Gordon, Grayson, Henry, Manuel, Marsh, Parker, Sandgran, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 12.

Which was agreed to.

Nineteenth item.—Chief Clerk.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 1200 and insert 1000.

Which was agreed to.

Twentieth item.—Six Clerks.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to strike out 900 and insert 800.

Which was agreed to.

Twenty-first item.—Messenger,
Was agreed to.

Twenty-second item.—Chief Engineer of Water.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, to strike out 2500 and insert 3000.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out 2500 and insert 2000.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and Enos.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Enos, Henry, Manuel.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.) Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

Yeas 4 ; nays 38.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend, to strike out 2500 and insert 2250.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Freeman and Fuller.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Chester, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Parker, Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Conrad, Craven, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 14 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original salary,

It was agreed to.

Twenty-third item.—Register of Water.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out 1600 and insert 1800.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out 1600 and insert 1200.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Fuller and Ridgway.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Marsh, O'Neill, Parker, Ridgway, Steelling.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Conrad, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Henry, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew) Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, Patterson, Reed, Roberts, (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 15 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend, to strike out 1600 and insert 1400.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend, to strike out 1600 and insert 1500.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Biddle,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Manuel and Fuller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Conrad, Gibson, Hassinger, Henry, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), M'Cleary, Parker, Patterson, Peall, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Manuel, Miller (Hiram), O'Neill, Steelling, Taylor, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 17.

It was agreed to.

The President

(On leave granted at this time) submitted the following communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, City Solicitor :

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE. }
Philadelphia, October 1, 1855. }

To the Members of the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :—I have observed with some surprise in the public journals, that a bill has recently passed the Select Council, to reduce the number of assistants employed in this Department.

As the ordinance organizing the department was passed little more than a year ago, after full deliberation and consultation with myself as its responsible head, I could scarcely anticipate that so material a change would be made in the office, without some inquiry as to the propriety and necessity of the change. No such inquiry, however, has been made at

this department, and believing that the public interests will not be promoted by the proposed reduction, I cannot reconcile it with my sense of duty to withhold, through mere delicacy, any information which it is proper Councils should possess.

Before taking any action in your body on this matter, therefore, I would respectfully suggest the appointment of a committee, with whom I may confer, and to whom it would afford me great pleasure to communicate my views, with such facts as may bear materially upon the question. This suggestion I make with less reluctance, as I am satisfied both Councils and myself can have but one object in view—to promote the interests of the City.

Very respectfully, yours,

ISAAC HAZLEHURST.

Which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Conrad,
Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Oct. 4th, 1855.

Council met.—In the absence of the President, Mr. Penrose was called to the chair.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Green,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Hoppel,

Messrs. Houseman,
King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Moore,
Murphy,
M'Adams,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Parker,
Patterson,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willets,
Winship.

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property owners on Eighth street, from Carpenter street to Passyunk road, asking the introduction of gas lamps on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Also,

A communication from Robert Rodgers, submitting the name of George F. Chambers as his security as Supervisor of the Second Ward.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Borie

Presented a communication from owners of property on Tenth street, and Christian street west of Tenth, presenting "Agnes street," running south from Christian street above Tenth, to the city, to be used hereafter as a public street, to be cleansed and kept in repair in like manner with other streets of the city.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Messrs. Binder, Davis, and Ridgway, each,

Presented petitions from citizens, asking the passage of an ordinance that will require the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad Company, to employ and keep on each crossing a watchman, whose duty shall be to give proper warning to persons on the approach of trains,

and such other requirements that will throw around the citizen a proper safeguard.

Which were read and severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, with instructions to report an ordinance in accordance therewith at the next stated meeting of Council.

Messrs. Bumm and Moore, each,

Presented petitions from citizens, asking the grant of such privileges as may be necessary to secure a proper execution of the contemplated construction of a passenger railway from the Navy Yard to the late District of Richmond.

Which were severally referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Ridgway

Presented a petition from owners of property on Delancy place, and two twenty feet streets parallel thereto, between Spruce and Pine, and Schuylkill Fourth and Fifth streets, asking that the usual number of city gas lamps and fire plugs be placed therein forthwith.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Craven

Presented a petition from Abel Lukens, one of the securities of F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, asking to be released from a lien against a certain lot situate at the northwest corner of Frankford road and Huntingdon street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gordon

Presented a petition from owners of property on Poplar street, between Nineteenth and Grape streets, asking that the water-pipes may be laid on said street.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a petition from owners of property on Marshall street, from Jefferson to Oxford streets, asking the introduction of water-pipes along said street.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Mr. Fuller

Presented a petition from Matthew Thompson, asking that the Chief Commissioner of Highways may be authorized and directed to fill up the intersection of Moore street, between Morris street and Passyunk road, to its proper grade.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a communication from the South Penn Hose Company, accepting the ordinance for the better regulation of the Fire Department, and petitioning for admittance into the same.

Which was read and laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Ridgway

Presented a bill from T. & G. Town for tax duplicates and assessors' books against the late District of Penn.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from property owners of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that William street, from Baring street to Lancaster Turnpike, as laid down in the recorded survey, may be opened for public use.

Also,

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents in the neighborhood of Columbia avenue, between

Broad and Fifteenth streets, asking that the owners of property on said street may be notified to have their footways paved, and that the said streets may be furnished with two lamps.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Presented a communication from Strickland Kneass, Esq., Chief Engineer and Surveyor, in reply to a resolution of Council, passed Sept. 18th, 1855, (page 527 of the Journal.) (*Appendix*, No. 53.)

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee on the Parrish street culvert.

Mr. Gordon

Presented a petition from the Mechanic Fire Company, asking to be admitted into the present Fire Department.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The President

Laid before Council the following communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller :

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Oct. 4th, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with an ordinance approved the twenty-fifth day of July, 1854, it becomes my duty to inform your body that the appropriation made to the City Commissioners for various purposes, amounting to (one hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and ten dollars and fifty-five cents) - - - \$148,410 55 Is nearly exhausted. I have countersigned

warrants up to Oct. 2d, amounting to - 148,384 29

Balance, . . . \$26 26

The object of the appropriation not being sufficient, the Commissioners will require to pay the demands against their Department the following amounts, and for the following purposes :

Civil Courts, - - - - -	\$9,000 00
Criminal Courts, - - - - -	10,000 00
Salaries of officers, - - - - -	4,100 00
Assessments, indexing books, - - - - -	3,000 00
Elections, - - - - -	3,000 00
Tax duplicates, - - - - -	10,000 00
Fuel, - - - - -	1,000 00
Road Jurors, - - - - -	500 00
Court Houses and officers, - - - - -	500 00
Incidentals, - - - - -	500 00
Books for Recorder's office, - - - - -	1,000 00
Sheriff, - - - - -	2,000 00
Printing and advertising, - - - - -	1,000 00
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	\$45,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. HENDERSON,
City Controller.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from Samuel P. Marks, Clerk to the Board of Health, enclosing a report and resolutions of the Sanitary Committee, on the subject of the bone-boiling establishments on Gunner's Run, Twenty-third Ward, and surface drainage of the late District of Kensington, near the Water Works.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from William A. Thorp, soliciting the appointment of Assistant Engineer of the Third Fire District.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from S. Snyder Leidy, Secretary to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, enclosing a preamble and resolution relative to the monies received in payment of bonded and support cases. (*Appendix, No. 54.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Reed

Moved to suspend the orders of the day, to take up bill No. 18, Common Council File, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1855.”

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend, “and also for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Highways on the Moore street culvert.”

Mr. Manuel

Moved to amend the amendment, “and to consider the bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City.”

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill, entitled

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1855.”

The first and only section, as amended, was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Highways, relative to a culvert in Moore street, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. L. D. Fuller.

Mr. Reed

Moved to amend, to strike out Mr. L. D. Fuller, and insert "to the lowest bidder."

Mr. Knorr

Moved to amend the amendment, "to Griffith & Blair, the lowest bidder."

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and be referred to the Committee on Highways, with instructions to report an ordinance awarding the contract to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, to strike out "the lowest bidder" and insert "L. D. Fuller."

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend the amendment, "to award the same to Griffith & Blair, or either of them, the lowest bidders, if

not legally incompetent to enter into said contract, and if so, to the next lowest bidder.”

Which amendment was accepted.

Mr. Chester

Moved to amend the amendment, to strike out the words, “or either of them.”

Which was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, to add, “Provided his bid is for the completion of the work.”

Which amendment was accepted and agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City,” when

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The President

Laid before Council the following communication from Thos. Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, }
Office, S. W. corner Chestnut and Fifth sts. }

Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1855.

To the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—In answer to the resolution, passed Oct. 1, asking information relative to the vault now being constructed on Carter's alley, at Third street,

I respectfully report, that the same has been done under a permit granted by the Department of Surveys, dated June 29, 1855.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS BIRCH,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Also,

The following message from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following ordinances and resolutions, viz.:

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expense of lighting the City.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Controller.”

“A Supplement to an ordinance organizing the Department of City Property, approved August 29, 1854.”

“Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils, at the City of Philadelphia, September 20, 1855.”

“Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils, of the City of Philadelphia, September 20th, A. D. 1855.”

“An Ordinance to fix the hour at which the markets on Saturday afternoons shall close.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to suspend the orders of the day, for the purpose of taking up bill No. 21, Common Council File.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend, “and bill No. 11 Common Council File.”

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the amendment, “and also for considering the ordinance awarding damages to Messrs. James Harper & Co.”

The amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 21, entitled

“An Ordinance to open Wallace street, from Broad to Sixteenth streets, for public use,” when

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the ordinance, by adding the following as a third section:

“That Merchant street, in the Twentieth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, as deeded by J. Williams Biddle, trustee, and John and Nicholas Grim, to the said city, be

accepted; and that the said street be declared a public highway, any other ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the section as read was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title being under consideration,

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend the same, by inserting between the words “street” and “for,” “and Merchant street, from Thompson to Master.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

And the title as amended was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to suspend the orders of the day, “to read an ordinance in place.”

And the motion being agreed to,

Read in place, and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance for the better protection of the bridges owned by the City of Philadelphia across the river Schuylkill.” (*Appendix, No. 55.*)

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same, when

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the orders of the day, to consider bill No. 11, Common Council File, entitled

“ An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company.”

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and Conrad.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Broomall, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Gay, Gibson, Grayson, Green, Hassinger, Houseman, King, Manuel, Miller (J. Washington), Moore, M'Mullen, Parham, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Dougherty, Gordon, Hand, Henry, Marsh, Mascher, Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill.

Yeas 38 ; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

The Clerk then produced files of the *Daily News* and *Daily Morning Times*, as vouchers of its advertisement.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance, and

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further consideration thereof be post-

poned, and that it be referred to a special committee, with power to send for persons and papers, and report to Council.

Which was agreed to.

And Messrs. O'Neill, Biddle, Parker, Reed and Winship were appointed as said Committee.

Mr. Willetts,

From the Committee of Conference on the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax-payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia," presented the following report:

The undersigned Committee of Conference, appointed upon the disagreement between the two branches of Councils on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax-payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia,"

Report that they have agreed to the following amendments, to wit:

To strike out, in the fifth line, the words "sixty-six" and insert "fifty."

To insert in the sixth line, after the word "following," the words "which are hereby declared to be;" and in the same line, after the word "portions," to insert the words, "as defined by said act and supplement."

In the eighth line, to strike out the words, "First, second."

To insert in the ninth line, after the word "first," the word "and;" and in the same line to strike out the words, "and Seventh."

To insert in the eleventh line, after the word "second," the following words: "Except that portion thereof bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of Lehigh avenue and Frankford Turnpike Road, thence along Frankford Turnpike Road to Westmoreland street, along said street to Frankford Plank Road, thence along Frankford Plank Road to Lehigh avenue, along Lehigh avenue to the place of

beginning ;' and in the same line, strike out the words "Third, Eighth."

To strike out in the thirteenth line the words, "the first and second divisions," and insert, "so much of the meadow land as is subject to a bank tax by an act of Assembly."

SAMUEL C. WILLETTS,
D. S. HASSINGER,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Which was read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Bockius

Moved to postpone the further consideration thereof, and that the report be printed for the use of the members.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hancock

Moved to lay the same on the table.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Welsh and Peall.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Barton, Berry, Biddle, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davis, Dunk, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hoppel, Martin, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran.

NAYS — Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Conrad, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Gay, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

Yeas 24 ; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the report be adopted.

The President

Stated that the report could not be adopted, but the question would be "to concur."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Appealed from the decision of the Chair, but there being no second, he was not sustained.

Mr. Bockius

Moved that the amendments and report be postponed for the present.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bockius and Fuller.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS — Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Broomall, Bockius, Chester, Davis, Dunk, Grayson, Hancock, Hoppel, Knorr, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Winship.

NAYS — Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parham, Peall, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

Yeas 15; nays 45.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to concur in the report,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bockius and Peall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davis, Dougherty, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Green, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parham, Parker, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Bockius, Dunk, Grayson, Hancock, Knorr, Patterson, Peall, Penrose.

Yeas 51 ; nays 10.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Enos

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to lay the motion on the table for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Common Council be informed that Select Council will meet them in convention this day two weeks at 6 P. M., for the purpose of electing Chief and Assistant Engineers for the Fire Department, and Superintendent of Trusts.

Which was read, and

On the motion to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the same,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to lay the motion and the resolution on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

And the motion to proceed to a second reading was then agreed to.

The resolution having been read a second time,

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to amend, to strike out "6" and insert "4."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution,

It was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain fire companies," with the following amendments:

Strike out in third line, "two thousand and seventy-five dollars," and insert "one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars."

Also,

To strike out the words, "and Independence Engine Companies, each."

Which was read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved that this Council non-concur.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have received a communication from his honor the Mayor, returning the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-first Ward," with his objections, which they have

passed, agreeably to the seventh section of the Act of Consolidation.

Which was read, and

On the question, "Will the Chamber pass the ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor?"

The yeas and nays were ordered by the Chair, and were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Bockius, Chester, Murphy, Parham, Sandgran.

NAYS — Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Butler, Craven, Davenport, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Hoppel, Houseman, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Moore, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

Yeas 5 ; nays 51.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to postpone the orders of the day, to take up the ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the Prison.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, "and the ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Markets."

Mr. Hancock

Moved a division of the motion.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the first division, "to postpone the orders of the day,"

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parham,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, made a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned." (*Appendix, No. 56.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

Made a report, accompanied by the following resolution. (*Appendix, No. 57.*)

Resolved, That the services of the Northern Liberty Fire Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, made report, accompanied by the following resolution. (*Appendix, No. 58.*)

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to contract for the cleansing of the Fifth District with David Harlan and John Metz, instead of David Harlan and Thomas Marks, agreeable to the conditions contained in a resolution approved September 19th, 1855. (*Page 511, Common Council Journal.*)

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Also,

Made report, accompanied by a resolution relative to the condition of the City Railroad. (*Appendix, No. 59.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

Made report, accompanied by a resolution, providing for the opening of certain streets. (*Appendix, No. 60.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

Made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to open Girard avenue, from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill, for public use.” (*Appendix, No. 61.*)

Which was read, when

Mr. Hancock

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Made report, accompanied by a resolution, relative to the opening of Delaware avenue. (*Appendix, No. 62.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

To whom the matter had been re-committed, made a report, accompanied by the bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City,” to pay certain road damages in certificates of City Debt. (*Appendix, No. 63.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Willetts,

From the Committee on Surveys, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by resolu-

tions, relative to the widening of, and establishing the grades of certain streets. (*Appendix, No. 64.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Green,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims, to whom the matter had been referred, reported back the bill of William Saffin, for water pipes laid in Wyatt street, and asked to have the same referred to the Committee on Law.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to regulate the hawking of fruits, vegetables, &c., through the streets of the City in wagons.” (*Appendix, No. 65.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon

(On leave granted) read in place, and presented to the Chair a resolution and a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to authorize a loan, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the City of Philadelphia.” (*Appendix, No. 66.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Patterson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, 1. That this Chamber has the right to perfect its organization, by the appointment of separate committees.

2. That it is essential to the proper conduct of the business of this Chamber that it should have committees subject to its exclusive control.

3. That the standing committees appointed by the

President, on the 14th of May last, except the Committee on the Girard Estates, are hereby declared to be separate committees of this Chamber, and the member first named upon each of said committees the chairman thereof.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Steelling

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on next Monday, at 3 o'clock, to consider ordinances and reports of special committees.

Which was read, when

Mr. Bumm

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, Hoppel, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), M'Cleary, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts—38.

The Clerk reported 38 members present, which not being a quorum,

On motion,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 11th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Knorr,
Baker, A. J.,	Manuel,
Baker, Abraham,	Marsh,
Barton,	Martin,
Berry,	Mascher,
Biddle,	Miller, Andrew,
Binder,	Miller, Hiram,
Borie,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bremer,	Moore,
Broomall,	M'Cleary,
Brouse,	M'Mullen,
Bockius,	O'Neill,
Conrad,	Parker,
Craven,	Patterson,
Davenport,	Peall,
Davis,	Penrose,
Dougherty,	Preston,
Duane,	Reed,
Dunk,	Ridgway,
Dyer,	Roberts, C. B.,
Enos,	Roberts, Spencer,
Freeman,	Roberts, T. J.,
Fuller,	Sandgran,
Gay,	Steelling,
Gibson,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Grayson,	Treadwell,
Hancock,	Vanhorn,
Hand,	Vaux,
Hassinger,	Welsh,
Henry,	Willetts,
Houseman,	Winship,
King,	Hacker, <i>President</i> .

Mr. Willetts

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Christian street, west of Seventeenth street, asking to have said street opened from Irish Tract lane to Seventeenth street, in the First Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property owners on Clymer street, between south Sixth street and Parker's alley, and between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, asking to have the water pipes laid in said street as soon as practicable.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works, without reading.

Also,

Presented the dedication of Webb street, in the First Ward, to public use. (*Appendix, No. 67.*)

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from property owners in Freeland street, between Cherry and Race, and Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, asking that the water pipes may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water without reading.

Mr. Treadwell

Presented a petition from citizens on Ridge Avenue, asking that privilege may be granted to construct a passen-

ger railway from the Exchange to Girard College and Fairmount.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject, without reading.

Mr. Davis

Presented a petition from residents of Bache street, running north from Race, and west of Broad street, asking that a lamp may be placed in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police, without reading.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a petition from citizens on Ridge Avenue, asking that privilege may be granted to construct a passenger railway from the Exchange to Girard College and Fairmount.

Also,

Presented one of like import, from citizens residing on Ninth street, between Arch and Vine streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Steelling

Presented a petition from Geo. W. Carr, asking payment for damages sustained by the late firm of J. G. & G. W. Carr, for injuries sustained to their property, during heavy rains in the month of July, 1849.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Manuel

Asked to have the petition presented by him, from the South Penn Hose Co., and which had been laid on the table at the last meeting of Council, referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knorr

Presented a petition from owners of property and residents of the Twenty-fourth ward, asking to have the culvert at the corner of Chestnut and Rose streets, extended about one hundred feet.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from property holders on Moore street, from Market to Chestnut, and Oak street, from Crammond to Moore street, late West Philadelphia, calling attention to the bad condition of said streets.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

The President

Presented a communication from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, enclosing a resolution relative to a lot of ground on Frankford Road, above Queen street, for the purpose of building a school house thereon.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Penrose

Moved that the order of business be suspended, to enable him to offer a resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Then offered the following :

Resolved, That the following, after reading the Journal, shall be the order of business :

1. Petitions, remonstrances and communications may be presented and referred, and motions to reconsider may be made.
2. Reports of Committees may be made.
 - 1st. From Standing Committees.
 - 2d. From Select Committees.

3. Original resolutions may be offered, items of unfinished business may be referred, leave to withdraw petitions may be asked, and motions to appoint additional members of Committees may be made.
4. Leave to read bills in place may be asked, and on leave given, presented.
5. Bills on third reading.
6. Reports, resolutions, and motions to reconsider may be, on motion, considered.
7. Of bills.

1st. Those in which the Chamber has made progress on second reading.

2d. Bills on which no order has been taken, may be considered in the order heretofore established.

Resolved, That reports, resolutions and bills shall not be considered on the same day or sitting on which they are made, offered or reported, without the order or consent of two-thirds of the members present.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. M'Cleary

Presented a petition from the Board of Trustees of the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church, York street, asking that the foot crossings on the side of York street, over Amber and Carroll streets may be laid, or that they have privilege to lay the same.

Which was read and conferred to the Committee on Highways, with power to act.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the regular order of business, for the purpose of moving a re-consideration of the vote on the

question, "Will this Chamber pass the Ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor?" on the bill entitled

"An Ordinance to appropriate a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-first ward, for a burial ground," at the last meeting of Council.

Which was agreed to, when

Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Gordon,

Moved a re-consideration of the vote.

Mr. Patterson

Moved the motion to re-consider be laid on the table.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Craven

Moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of taking up the bill, entitled

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty,

From the Committee on Law, to whom the matter had been referred, asked and obtained leave at this time to present a report relative thereto. (*Appendix, No. 68.*)

Which was read.

Mr. Craven

Moved to amend, to strike out \$4,912 40, and insert \$5,014 19.

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Freeman

Moved that the rules be suspended which forbid the reading of bills twice on the same day, and that the bill be read a third time.

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time.

And on the question "Shall this bill pass?" the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. M'Cleary and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Hassinger, Henry, Houseman, King, Manuel, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parker, Patterson, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Brouse, Duane, Gordon, Grayson, Knorr, Martin, Moore, M'Cleary, Preston, Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Vaux.

Yeas 45; nays 12.

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be requested to report to this Chamber, what precautions, if any, have been taken to hold contractors liable for any damage arising from the use of Howe's truss in the erection of

bridges for the City, and to take such measures in each case as they may deem best calculated to protect the interests of the city.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Treadwell (on leave granted),

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be, and they are hereby instructed to report to this Chamber, at its next stated meeting, the specific condition upon which the contract was made for cleansing the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards of the City.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution.

And the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be requested to inform Common Council at an early day, how the City of Philadelphia stands in relation to the injunction had by the late District of Northern Liberties, against the "Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company," in reference to the wharf at the foot of Willow street.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution.

And the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following resolution to direct the Commissioner of City Property to notify the tenant of the Lemon Hill Estate to vacate the same.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to give notice to William H. Kern, trading under the name and style of Parkinson & Co., the tenant of the Lemon Hill Estate, that the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, having by an

ordinance of the Select and Common Councils of the said City, approved September 28, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance dedicating Lemon Hill Estate to public use as a Park," dedicated the said Lemon Hill Estate, to public use for a Park, he is required to vacate and surrender possession of the same, at the expiration of six months from the receipt of said notice, as he has covenanted in his lease for the said Estate, dated October 23, 1847.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Bockius

Moved to suspend the rules, to take up the bill from Select Council, entitled,

"An Ordinance to establish a Market Stand in the Twenty-second Ward."

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill, when

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was not agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to suspend the rules, to offer a report and ordinance relative to the Parrish street culvert.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Offered a report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance for the construction of a culvert in Brown and Seventh streets, to prevent the overflows of water on the line of the Parrish street culvert.” (*Appendix, No. 69.*)

Which report and ordinance were read.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to suspend the rules to proceed to a second reading and consideration of the ordinance, when

Mr. Gordon

Rose to a point of order, which being stated is, “that a bill could not be read a second time under the rule that all bills shall be printed for the use of members.”

The Chair decided that it could.

The motion was not agreed to.

And the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of proceeding to the second reading and consideration of the resolution offered by him at the last meeting of Council, relative to advertising a loan for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the City of Philadelphia.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution, relative to the securities of the newly appointed Supervisors (*Appendix, No. 70*), to wit:

Resolved, That George K. Chambers be accepted as security for Robert Rodgers; Adam S. Young and William Allen as securities for George Phillips; Jacob Wilkins and Peter Lamb, Jr., as securities for Joseph Brown; Daniel B. Beitler and Curtis Clayton, Jr., as securities for Richard

M. Batturs ; William Bowers and George Meeke as securities for John Meeke ; Charles B. Smith as security for Anthony Conrad ; Jacob F. Beckley and Benjamin Hooven as securities for John Sailor ; Alexander M. Fox and Wm. R. Bald as securities for James Work ; William Faunce, Sr., and Ahab Hunter as securities for Isaac B. Dare ; Solomon Wagner and Jeremiah E. Eldridge as securities for Israel N. Bell ; John Campman and Wm. Scargle as securities for Joseph Rheiner ; James Preston and Edward Preston as securities for Edward Strouse ; William Benner and Hillary Krickbaum as securities for John Wunder ; John Stallman and Curtis J. Gilbert as securities for Reuben Sands ; Samuel Wilson and Daniel Faunce as securities for William P. Cooper ; George Williams and William A. Banes as securities for John Jackson ; and that the Solicitor be requested to draw the requisite bonds.

Which was read, when

Mr. Knorr

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and take up the ordinance, making an appropriation to Messrs. James Harper & Co., for damages sustained by them.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, when

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution, relative to the Marshal drawing warrants in favor of E. R. Williams and S. L. Clements, acting Police Magistrates. (*Appendix, No. 71.*)

Which was twice read, and

On motion of Mr. Craven,

The further consideration of the same was postponed for the present.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report, accompanied by a resolution, to release certain property of Abel Lukens from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned. (*Appendix, No. 72.*)

The resolution was twice read and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

Made report, accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of City Commissioners,” and the following resolution, relative to the department of City Commissioners, to wit: (*Appendix No. 73.*)

Resolved, That a special committee of three, from each chamber, be appointed to inquire whether any monies appropriated to the City Commissioners by ordinance, approved March 1, 1855, have been applied to any other than the specific objects of appropriation, and if so, by what authority; and what legislation is required to prevent a recurrence of similar abuses hereafter.

Which was twice read, considered, and agreed to.

And Messrs. Penrose, Patterson and King were appointed said Committee on the part of Common Council.

Select Council concurred,

And appointed Messrs. Wainwright, Knorr and Hagner on the part of said Council.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Gordon .

Moved to amend, to strike out \$27,600, and insert \$3,000, and to strike out all the items except "for the expenses of elections \$3,000."

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to suspend the rules to take up the resolution from Select Council, relative to Davis & Fitler.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules, to take up bill No. 24, Common Council File, organizing the Department of Surveys.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, made report accompanied by a bill, entitled

"An Ordinance to open Franklin street, from Front to Jefferson avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh street, in the First ward." (*Appendix, No. 74.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

To whom the matter was referred, made report accompanied by a bill, entitled

"An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain culverts." (*Appendix, No. 75.*)

Which was read, when

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

To whom the matter had been referred, made report accompanied by a bill, entitled,

“An Ordinance to regulate the navigation and use of the Gunner’s run canal.” (*Appendix, No. 76.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Penrose,

Chairman of the Committee on Police, moved to suspend the rules to take up the bill No. 5, Common Council File, entitled,

“A Supplement to an ordinance approved January 29, 1855, entitled ‘an ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1855.’”

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the ordinance.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to strike out on the eighth and ninth lines, “for the expenses of taking up dogs and other animals, four thousand eight hundred dollars,” and to strike out on line second, the word “ten,” and insert “five,” and

insert between the words "dollars" and "from," one hundred and ten."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the section was agreed to, to offer an amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Then moved to amend, to strike out "5,000," in the sixth and seventh lines, and insert "\$110."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the rules, to offer a resolution.

And the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday next, the 15th October, 1855, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering unfinished business.

Which was twice read, and being under consideration,

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, strike out "Monday" and insert "Wednesday."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to strike out "three" and insert "seven" o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to amend, "and to consider the ordinance relative to the Brown street culvert."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hassinger and Penrose.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Biddle, Binder, Dougherty, Duane, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Knorr, Marsh, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Patterson, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Conrad, Craven, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Hand, Hassinger, King, Manuel, McCleary, McMullen, Parker, Penrose, Willetts.

Yeas 27 ; nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to suspend the rules to offer an ordinance in place.

And the motion being agreed to,

Read in place and presented to the Chair a bill, entitled,

"An Ordinance to declare the southwest end of Penn square a market stand." (*Appendix, No. 77.*)

Which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Reed

Moved that the rules be suspended to offer a resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and is hereby instructed to procure and place in this Chamber,

1st. A map of the City of Philadelphia as consolidated.

2d. A map of the State of Pennsylvania.

3d. A skeleton map of Pennsylvania, showing its railroad connections.

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved to lay the same upon the table.

Which was not agreed to.

And on the question of agreeing to the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and Duane.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Biddle, Binder, Brouse, Conrad, Craven, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Hand, Mascher, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Stevenson, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Bremer, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Patterson, Sandgran, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

Yeas 20 ; nays 21.

Which was not agreed to.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,)
Philadelphia, October 11th, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City.”

“ An Ordinance to remit or refund to the tax payers of the rural districts of the City of Philadelphia.”

“ An Ordinance to open Wallace street, from Broad to Sixteenth street, and Merchant street, from Thompson to Master street, for public use.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Mr. Manuel

Moved to suspend the rules, to offer the following resolutions.

Which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be directed to notify the owners of property fronting on Merchant street, between Master and Thompson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, to set the curb and pave the side walks opposite their respective properties.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the owners of property fronting on Stiles and Cass streets, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, and Girard avenue and Thompson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, be authorized to have said streets paved under the supervision and direction of the Department of Highways, provided, that the City shall incur no expense for paving the same except at the crossings thereof.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

On motion,

Council adjourned.

MONDAY, Oct. 15th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to the following call, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11, 1855.

Hon. WM. P. HACKER, *President of Common Council*:

DEAR SIR:—You are requested to call a special meeting of Common Council on Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider and dispose of the ordinance reported by the Special Committee appointed to consider the petition of J. Harper & Co., to be found Appendix, No. 36, page 151, and the report of Special Committee on Parrish street culvert, and to take up unfinished business on the President's desk.

THOMAS W. STEELLING,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
JACOB E. RIDGWAY,
J. F. MASCHER,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
LEWIS BREMER,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
GEORGE F. GORDON,
JOHN FULLER, JR.,
M. J. DOUGHERTY.
CHARLES VANHORN,
J. TAYLOR.

JOHN M. RILEY, Esq., *Clerk of Common Council*:

Please call a meeting in accordance with above request.

W. P. HACKER, *Prest. of Common Council*.

The President being absent, Mr. Taylor was called to the Chair.

Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. Hoppel,
Baker, A. J.,	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Martin,
Barton,	Mascher,
Biddle,	Miller, Andrew,
Bishop,	Miller, Hiram,
Bremer,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M'Cleary,
Bockius,	O'Neill,
Butler,	Patterson,
Dougherty,	Steelling,
Duane,	Stevenson,
Gordon,	Taylor,
Hand,	Vanhorn,
Hassinger,	Vaux,
Henry,	Winship.

The Clerk announced that thirty-two members were present.

Mr. Henry

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Patterson

Moved a call of the House.

The following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bishop, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Hoppel, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

The Clerk announced that thirty members were present.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a call of the House.

The following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Dougherty, Duane, Hassinger, Hoppel, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Cleary, O'Neill, Patterson, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Winship.

The Clerk announced that twenty-seven members were present.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Council adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING, October 15, 1855.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, at seven o'clock.—
Present,

Messrs. Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Bishop,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,

Messrs. Grayson,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Hoppel,
King,
Knorr,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Moore,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Patterson,
Reed,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Treadwell,
Vaux,
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Mr. Binder,

Chairman of the Committee on Visitation to Girard College, for the month of September, made report. (*Appendix No. 78.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

Select Council

Inform Common Council that they have passed the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby requested to call attention of the owner of the dilapidated walls of the late Chinese Museum Building, corner of Ninth and George streets, and that the owner be required to have said walls taken down, or secured, to prevent accident.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone for the present.

Mr. Patterson

Moved to amend to postpone indefinitely.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Department of Water be, and they are hereby authorized to lay the water pipes on Marshall street, from Jefferson to Oxford streets, provided the owners of property along the line thereof pay the expense of the same.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized and instructed to obtain or prepare, a plan and estimates for the construction of a wire suspension bridge,

of a permanent character, over the river Schuylkill at Chestnut street.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys be directed to ascertain what measures are necessary to provide for the opening of Broad street, of its present width to the northern border of the City, and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be directed to examine and report, what measures are necessary to adapt the old parade ground, in the First Ward, for the uses of a public park.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed a bill, entitled,

“A Supplement to an ordinance, approved July 3, 1854, entitled, ‘An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils.’” (*Appendix No. 79.*)

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby directed to notify the property owners on East Washington avenue, Twenty-second Ward, that the same will be required for public use, of its entire width.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Bockius

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof, the words "from Morton street to the Township line."

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Common Council

Concurred in the resolution for the relief of Davis and Fitler. (See Common Council Journal, page 531.)

Select Council

Informs that they non-concurred in the amendment to the bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to establish a market in the Twenty-second Ward," to wit: striking out of the Fourth Section.

Mr. Bockius

Moved that this Council recede.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Willetts

Moved that this Council insist.

Which was agreed to.

The President

Appointed the following committee of conference on the bill: Messrs. Willetts, Henry and Andrew Miller.

Also,

The following resolution regarding the paving of public streets:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized and required, under the advice of the City Solicitor, to prevent by injunction or otherwise, the laying of pavements in any of the public streets of Philadelphia in an improper or unskillful manner, or with materials of an inferior quality; and all such pavements shall, hereafter, be laid under the immediate superintendence and inspection of the Department of Highways.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Also,

That they had concurred in the bill entitled,

“An Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the district Surveyors and Regulators,”

With amendments. (See Journal, pages 572, 573, and 574.)

Which amendments were read separately, considered, and all agreed to.

Also,

That they had passed the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that an election be held in joint meeting, on the first Thursday in October next, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Guardians of the Poor, occasioned by the death of the late Townsend Smith, member of said Board from the Thirteenth Ward.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, by striking out “first Thursday in October next,” and insert “third Thursday, October 18th.”

Mr. Patterson

Moved that the further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Mascher.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Bilyeu, Bishop, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Dyer,

Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Hand, King, Marsh, Moore, Parker, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Barton, Borie, Bremer, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), O'Neill, Patterson, Roberts (T. J.), Taylor, Welsh.

Yeas 28; nays 19.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Solicitor:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, October 15, 1855. }

To the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: The case of the Commissioners and inhabitants of the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties against the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, was argued before the Court of Common Pleas of this county, the early part of last July.

The injunction which had previously been granted was, on the seventh of July, 1855, dissolved by the order of the Court.

I am respectfully yours,

ISAAC HAZLEHURST.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to suspend the rules to proceed to the consideration of a resolution to pave certain streets. Report of Committee on Highways. (See Appendix, page 174.)

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules to consider the resolutions

from the Committee on Surveys, as per report. (See Appendix, No. 64.)

Which was agreed to, viz.:

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be, and are hereby directed to establish a grade on Market street, from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street; Green street, from Rittenhouse to School street; Wistar street, from Germantown avenue to Bristol street; Manheim street, from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street; East Washington avenue, from Germantown avenue to Bristol street; and Queen street, from Germantown avenue to the township line, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Board of Surveys be directed to give the lines of Crease's lane, from Ridge pike to Livezey's mill road, and the lines of Queen lane, from Ridge pike to Scott's road; also Centre street, from Main street to Manayunk avenue, Twenty-first Ward.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Also,

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and directed to take such measures as may be necessary for the widening of Charles street, in the First Ward, to thirty feet, for restoring Lehman street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to its original width of eighty feet, and widening Thirty-fifth street, also in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to sixty feet.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Patterson

Moved to strike out the words "and widening Thirty-fifth street, also in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to sixty feet."

Mr. Hancock

Presented a communication from Joseph Fox, Surveyor

relative to the subject of widening Thirty-fifth street. (*Appendix, No. 80.*)

Which was read and laid on the table.

The question recurring on the amendment to strike out,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Spencer Roberts and Bockius.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Butler, Conrad, Craven, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, King, Marsh, Mascher, O'Neill, Patterson, Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Bishop, Borie, Bockius, Davenport, Dougherty, Gay, Hancock, Hand, Miller (Andrew), Moore, Parker, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Vaux, Welsh.

Yeas 31 ; nays 17.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Moore

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill from Select Council, entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Inspectors of the Prison.”

Which was agreed to.

And being on second reading,

Mr. Knorr

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to further amend, and refer the same back to the Committee on Prisons, to report the facts to Councils.

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

And the amendment was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the bill from Select Council, regulating salaries, &c.

Purveyors \$700.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$600.

Which was agreed to.

Enginemen and Engineers \$700.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend to \$500.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$600.

Which was agreed to.

Inspectors \$650.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend to \$500.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$600.

Which was agreed to.

Watchmen at Reservoir. Agreed to.

General Clerk \$1,000.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend to \$800.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to \$900.

Which was agreed to.

Permit Clerks, each, \$900.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$800.

Which was agreed to.

Messenger \$500. Agreed to.

Commissioner of Markets \$1,000.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to \$800.

Which was agreed to.

Clerk of Wharton and Washington Markets \$400.

Agreed to.

Clerk of Eleventh street Market \$200.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$250.

Which was agreed to.

Clerk of Second street Market, Fifth Ward, \$450.
Agreed to.

Clerk of Market street Market, Sixth Ward, \$450.
Agreed to.

Clerk of Market street and Broad and Race streets,
Ninth and Tenth Wards, each, \$450. Agreed to.

Clerk of Second street Market, Eleventh Ward, \$450.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to \$400.

Which was agreed to.

Callowhill street Market \$300. Agreed to.

Spring Garden Market \$400. Agreed to.

Girard Avenue Market \$200.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$250.

Which was agreed to.

Franklin Avenue Market, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, \$300. Agreed to.

Franklin Avenue, Beach street, Lehigh Avenue and York street Markets, in Nineteenth Ward, \$200.

Mr. Bumm

Moved to amend to \$250. Agreed to.

City Commissioners, each, \$1000.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to \$1500.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Vaux

Moved to amend to \$1200.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend to \$1250.

Which was agreed to.

One principal clerk \$800. Agreed to.

Watchmen, County Buildings, \$500. Agreed to.

Messenger \$500. Agreed to.

Superintendent of Spring Garden Hall \$400. Agreed to.

Superintendent of Kensington Hall \$100. Agreed to.

Supervisors of Streets and Roads, for each day employed in the public service, \$2 00.

And the following:

Provided, That after the first of January next, not more than three assistants and one clerk, shall be appointed

or continued in the City Solicitor's office, and not more than one chief clerk, one assistant clerk, and one recording clerk, shall in like manner be appointed or continued in the Department of City Commissioners.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend, to strike out "three Assistants in the Solicitor's office," and insert "two."

Mr. Freeman

Moved further to amend, to insert "four."

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Treadwell

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,

Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Berry,
Biddle,
Binder,
Bilyeu,
Borie,
Bremer,
Broomall,
Brouse,
Bockius,
Bumm,
Butler,
Chester,
Conrad,
Craven,
Davenport,
Davis,
Dougherty,
Duane,
Dunk,
Dyer,
Enos,
Freeman,
Fuller,
Gay,
Gibson,
Gordon,
Grayson,
Hancock,
Hand,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Hoppel,

Messrs. Houseman,

King,
Knorr,
Manuel,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Miller, Hiram,
Miller, J. Washington,
Moore,
Murphy,
M'Adams,
M'Cleary,
M'Mullen,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Peall,
Penrose,
Preston,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Sandgran,
Steelling,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Vanhorn,
Vaux
Welsh,
Willetts,
Winship,
Hacker, *President*.

Mr. Barton

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a petition from property owners on Reed, Hartman and Juniata streets in the First Ward, asking that lamps may be placed on said streets.

Mr. Marsh

Presented a petition from owners of property on F street, running from Twenty-second to Twenty-third streets, south of Locust, asking that a gas lamp may be placed in said street.

Mr. Penrose

Presented a petition from residents on or near Prosperous alley, Eighth Ward, asking that another lamp may be placed therein.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Police without reading.

Mr. Vaux

Presented a remonstrance from residents of Penn square, Ninth Ward, protesting against the location of a market stand in Oak street, as contemplated by the Ordinance lately introduced into the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets without reading.

Mr. Ridgway

Presented a communication from the Fairmount Engine Company, asking the favorable consideration of Council for J. C. Randolph as assistant engineer of the Fourth Fire District.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Presented a petition from Richard Wildey, administrator to the estate of Richard Wildey, Sr., deceased, in regard to a claim against the late District of Kensington.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bumm

Presented petitions from the Good Intent Engine and William Penn Hose Companies, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. King

Presented petitions from property owners on Brown street, from Fifth to Tenth street, asking the construction of an eight feet culvert on said street.

Which was read and referred to the Special Committee on the Parrish street culvert.

Mr. Freeman

Presented a petition from citizens on Ridge avenue, asking that privilege may be granted for constructing a passenger railway, from the Exchange to the Girard College and Fairmount.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of the subject.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Thos. P. James, Recording Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, tendering the thanks of said Society to Councils, for their courtesy in having granted permission to occupy the south-eastern division of Penn Square, for holding the twenty-seventh exhibition of the Association.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from S. Snyder Leidy, Secretary to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, enclosing a Preamble and Resolution relative to certain legacies; also, one asking an appropriation of \$41,000. (*Appendix Nos. 81 and 82.*)

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Houseman

Moved to suspend the order of business, to take up bill No. 34, Common Council File, entitled,

“An Ordinance to open Franklin street, from Front to Jefferson Avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh streets, in the First Ward.”

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, “to suspend generally.”

Which was not agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first section was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Craven,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, made report, accompanied by a bill entitled,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys.” (*Appendix No. 83.*)

Which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules to take up bill No. 15, Select Council File, entitled,

"An Ordinance to regulate and graduate the salaries of the officers and clerks in the employ of the City."

Which was agreed to.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment to the amendment, offered by

Mr. Freeman,

He withdrew the same.

The amendment of

Mr. Grayson

Being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, to strike out "two assistants," and insert "one."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the "Proviso,"

It was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And on the question of transcribing the bill, for a third reading,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Penrose and Grayson, but before being ordered,

Mr. Grayson

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the salaries of the Assistant Solicitors and Clerk had been agreed to.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend to strike out “\$500,” salaries of Assistant Solicitors, and insert “\$900.”

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend to insert “\$1000.”

Which amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend the salary of the Solicitor's Clerk, to strike out “\$500,” and insert “\$700.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the salary of the Chief Clerk of City Commissioners had been agreed to.

Which was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, on transcribing the bill, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Craven, Dougherty, Duane, Dunk, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Moore, Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts, (C. B.), Roberts, (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Haeker,
President.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Henry, Hoppel, Manuel, Miller (J. Washington), Parker, Penrose.

Yeas 50 ; nays 16.

It was agreed to.

The bill was then, by special order, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules, to proceed to the consideration of the resolution (*Appendix, No. 66,*) relative to authorizing a loan for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the City of Philadelphia.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Moved to suspend the rules to take up bill No. 32 Common Council file.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Binder (on leave granted at this time,)

Presented a petition from owners of property on Tenth street, north of Poplar, calling attention to a leak in the main pipe of conduit of the Schuylkill water on said street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Gay

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a resolution.

And the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be hereby instructed to have earth placed over the main water pipe in the Twenty-fourth Ward, located near the works, now exposed to the weather, to the extent of about two hundred feet.

Which was twice read, and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to suspend the rules to take up a resolution from Select Council, on the President's desk.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to amend, "and also a resolution," (*Appendix*, No. 66.)

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved a division of the motion.

The first division being to suspend the rules,

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a resolution entitled :

"A Resolution to direct the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to cause certain water pipes to be laid."

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Works be authorized and directed to cause water pipes of the dimensions of six inches, to be laid in Darby road, below Market street ; in Larch street, between Ann and Maple streets ; in Twenty-second street, between Green and Centre ; in Reed street, between Seventh and Eighth streets ; and in Walnut street, from Chestnut avenue to a point near Mill creek ; provided that the parties interested pay the usual charge for the same.

Which was twice read, considered and agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Also,

That they had received a report from the Committee on Finance, with a bill annexed, entitled,

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Biddle

Moved the further consideration be indefinitely postponed.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and Grayson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Cleary, Stevenson, Taylor, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Chester, Conrad, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Duane, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Moore, O'Neill, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 23 ; nays 39.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Conrad

Moved that the further consideration be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Law.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gordon and Ridgway.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Barton, Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Butler, Conrad, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hancock, Hassinger, King, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams,

McCleary, McMullen, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Steelling, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Manuel, Marsh, Moore, O'Neill, Parker, Peall, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Stevenson, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 35 ; nays 33.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steelling

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourns, it adjourns to meet next Monday, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider bill on Common Council File, No. 32, entitled,

“An Ordinance for the construction of a culvert in Brown and Seventh streets, and other unfinished business.”

Which was twice read, when

Mr. Reed

Moved to amend, to strike out “three o'clock,” and insert “seven o'clock.”

Mr. Fuller

Moved to amend the amendment, to insert “eight o'clock.”

The amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

On motion of

Mr. McCleary,

Council adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 22d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to an adjournment, at 7 o'clock.
In the absence of the President, Mr. Penrose was called to the chair.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.,	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Manuel,
Barton,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bremer,	Miller, Andrew,
Broomall,	Miller, Hiram,
Brouse,	Miller, J. Washington,
Bockius,	Murphy,
Bumm,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Penrose,
Conrad,	Reed,
Craven,	Ridgway,
Davis,	Roberts, C. B.,
Duane,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Roberts, T. J.,
Enos,	Sandgran,
Freeman,	Steelling,
Fuller,	Stevenson,
Gay,	Taylor,
Gibson,	Treadwell,
Gordon,	Vanhorn,
Grayson,	Vaux,
Hancock,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship.
Houseman,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of bill No. 32, Common Council File, entitled,

“An Ordinance for the construction of a culvert in Brown and Seventh streets, to prevent the overflows of water on the line of the Parrish street culvert.”

[At this stage of the proceedings the President arrived and took the Chair.]

Section first was agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the bill, by offering the following as a second section:

SECTION 2d. Said proposals shall be opened only in the presence of the Committee of Highways, &c., at a meeting thereof regularly called, and the said committee at the next stated meeting of Councils, shall submit a report containing the names of the bidders, and the amount for which each of them propose to construct the said culvert, with a resolution appended allotting the said work to some one of the said bidders.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hiram Miller

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the first section had been agreed to.

And the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the section as follows:

To strike out all after the word “culvert” in fourth line, to “and” in the fifth line, and insert “commencing at Ninth and Brown street;” and add after word “surveys” in the eighth line, “said proposals to state the price per lineal foot.”

Mr. King

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and the bill referred back to the committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the motion, to strike out all after the word "Committee," and insert "of Highways."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend the motion, to add at the end, "with instructions to report the best location for the culvert to be laid."

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Steelling and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Biddle, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Conrad, Craven, Duane, Freeman, Gay, Gordon, Grayson, Hancock, Hand, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Manuel, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Penrose, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (T. J.), Stevenson, Treadwell, Vanhorn, Vaux.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Binder, Bremer, Chester, Davis, Dyer, Enos, Fuller, Gibson, Marsh, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, O'Neill, Reed, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Taylor, Welsh, Willett, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 29; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to proceed to the consideration of bill No. 33, Common Council File, entitled,

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners."

Which was agreed to.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill,

And the question being on the motion of Mr. Gordon, to strike out "twenty-seven thousand six hundred dollars,"

and insert "three thousand dollars," and to strike out all the items except "for the expenses of elections three thousand dollars."

Mr. King

Presented a petition from a committee of the petit jurors in the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions, asking Councils to make an appropriation whereby they may be remunerated for the time spent by them in the performance of their public duty.

Which was read.

Mr. Craven,

From the Committee on Finance, presented a communication from Jno. N. Henderson, City Controller, accompanied by a statement of the appropriations and expenditures of the Department of City Commissioners. (*Appendix No. 84.*)

Which was read.

And on motion of

Mr. Treadwell,

That the further consideration of the bill be postponed, and that the statement just presented be printed for the use of members.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Brouse, Bockius, Conrad, Fuller, Gordon, Grayson, Manuel, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Steelling, Treadwell.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Binder, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Craven, Davis, Duane, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Gibson, Hand, Hassinger, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), O'Neill, Penrose, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Roberts (T. J.), Sandgran, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, to strike out on line tenth, "For Court-houses and County offices, five hundred dollars."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend, to strike out on line twelve, "For incidentals, five hundred dollars."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Duane

Moved to amend, to strike out on line two, the word "seven" and insert "six."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, to strike out on line eleven, the word "three" and insert "seven."

Which was not agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Treadwell

Called for the report of the Committee on Highways, in accordance with the resolution passed by this chamber, page 626 of the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, presented a report in accordance with the above resolution. (*Appendix No. 85.*)

The clerk proceeded with the reading of the same,
when

Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the further reading thereof be postponed
and printed for the use of the members.

Pending the consideration of which

Mr. Gordon

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

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THURSDAY, October 25th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Baird,	Messrs. King,
Baker, A. J.,	Knorr,
Baker, Abraham,	Manuel,
Berry,	Marsh,
Biddle,	Martin,
Binder,	Mascher,
Bilyeu,	Miller, Andrew,
Borie,	Miller, Hiram,
Bremer,	Miller, J. Washington,
Broomall,	Murphy,
Brouse,	M'Adams,
Bockius,	M'Mullen,
Bumm,	O'Neill,
Chester,	Parham,
Conrad,	Penrose,
Davenport,	Preston,
Davis,	Reed,
Dougherty,	Ridgway,
Duane,	Roberts, C. B.,
Dunk,	Roberts, Spencer,
Dyer,	Sandgran,
Enos,	Steelling,
Freeman,	Stevenson,
Fuller,	Taylor,
Gay,	Treadwell,
Gibson,	Vanhorn,
Gordon,	Vaux,
Grayson,	Welsh,
Hand,	Willetts,
Hassinger,	Winship,
Henry,	Hacker, <i>President.</i>
Hoppel,	

Mr. Treadwell

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a communication from Isaac Lower, declining as a candidate for Assistant Engineer for the First Fire District.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Chester

Presented a communication from Lane Schofield, asking that the ordinance making an appropriation for the payment of his claim, may be acted upon without further delay.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Henry

Presented a memorial of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, asking an appropriation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, without reading.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from renters of stalls in the Franklin Market, asking the extension of the roof of said Market on the east side of Second street, out to the curb.

Which was read and referred to the Commissioner of Markets.

Mr. Enos

Presented a petition from owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that William street, from Market to Baring street, Callowhill from Thirty-eighth to Fortieth street, Baring street, from Lancaster avenue to Fortieth street, and Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh street from Bridge street to Lancaster avenue, may be opened for

public use, in conformity with the recorded survey of the late District of West Philadelphia.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, without reading.

Mr. Chester

Presented a petition from citizens residing on Ridge avenue, asking that privileges may be granted for the construction of a passenger railway from the Exchange to the Girard College and Fairmount.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

The President

Presented a communication from J. Edgar Thompson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, asking a repair of the road running along Market, Third, and Dock streets.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to refer the communication to a Special Committee.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, to refer to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Chester

Moved to amend the amendment, to refer to the Committee on Highways.

Which amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

And the motion as amended was agreed to.

Also,

Presented a petition from John Tucker, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, asking that Councils will grant them permission to connect with the water pipes of the City on Twentieth street, with an opening four inches in diameter, and draw from the same water enough for the use of four locomotive engines, and to

close up the opening now used for the supply of said engines from the pipes on Seventeenth street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

Presented a communication from S. Snyder Leidy, Secretary of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, enclosing a preamble and resolution relative to petitioning Councils to grant such relief as they must perceive the necessities of the House require, &c. (*Appendix, No. 86.*)

Also,

Presented a communication from T. Oliver Goldsmith, asking a settlement of his claim for services as late Coroner.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Presented an invitation from the ladies of the Mount Vernon Association, to a meeting to be held this evening, at 7½ o'clock, at the Sansom street Hall.

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. Gordon

Moved to suspend the rules to offer a report.

And the motion being agreed to,

Offered a report of the Special Committee of Ways and Means, appointed September 6th, 1855. (*Appendix, No. 87.*)

Which was read, when

Mr. Gordon

Moved that the report be printed and the Committee discharged.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules to take up the police bill, as passed by Select Council.

Which was agreed to.

Council then proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following, to wit :

That for the purposes of Police, the City shall be divided into fifteen police districts, viz : The First and Second Wards shall be one police district ; the Third and Fourth Wards shall be one police district ; the Fifth and Sixth Wards shall be one police district ; the Seventh and Eighth Wards shall be one police district ; the Ninth and Tenth Wards shall be one police district ; the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards shall be one police district ; the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards shall be one police district ; the Fifteenth Ward shall be one police district ; the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards shall be one police district ; the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards shall be one police district ; the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards shall each be a separate police district.

Mr. Biddle

Moved a division of the police districts,

Which was agreed to.

First division, being the First and Second Wards, one police district.

Was agreed to.

Second division, being the Third and Fourth Wards, one police district,

Was agreed to.

Third division, being the Fifth and Sixth Wards, one police district,

Was not agreed to.

Fourth division, being the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, one police district,

Was agreed to.

Fifth division, being the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards, one police district,

Was agreed to.

Sixth division, being the Fifteenth Ward, one police district,

Was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend on the fifth line, "the Fifth Ward shall be one police district," and the "Sixth Ward shall be one police district."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to amend, to strike out on the second line, the word "fifteen," and insert in lieu thereof "sixteen."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, to strike out on the first line, "exclusive of temporary places used as lock-ups," and on the second line, to strike out "Police District," and insert "Ward."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved a division of the amendment, the first division being to strike out "exclusive of temporary places used as lock-ups."

Which was agreed to.

On the second division to strike out "Police District," and insert "Ward."

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Preston and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, King, Manuel, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 32; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out in second line, "two" and insert "one," and add "and the turnkeys provided for, are hereby dispensed with, and their office abolished. Provided, that the duties heretofore performed by the said turnkeys shall be performed by such of the Executive Police Force, as may be detailed for that purpose."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend, to strike out on the second line, the words "Police District," and insert "Ward."

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the motisn, by inserting the word "indefinitely."

Which he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. Mascher, (by permission of the Council,)

Withdrew the motion "to postpone."

The question recurring on the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration,

Mr. Freeman

Moved to amend on second line, to insert "and" between the words "Lieutenants," "Sergeants," and to strike out the words "and turnkeys."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to strike out the word "seven" and insert "six," and to strike out all after the word "direct," on the fourth line.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Knorr and Hoppel,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Gordon, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, Kng, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston,

Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 29 ; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend to strike out "seven hundred," and insert "six hundred and twenty."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Freeman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Treadwell, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 31 ; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bockius

Moved to amend, to strike out "seven hundred," and insert "six hundred and fifty."

On this amendment the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts

(Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Willetts, Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Sandgran, Treadwell, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 32; nays 31.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend, to strike out on fifth line, the words "thirty-first day of October," and insert in lieu thereof, "twenty-ninth day of February, 1856."

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the amendment, to insert "first day of January, 1856."

Which was not agreed to.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Dougherty.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Hoppel, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship.

Yeas 35; nays 27.

It was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to insert on second line, after the word "officers," "out of the number of Police."

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bumm and Manuel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

NAYS — Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the section,

It was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh being under consideration,

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend on second line, to strike out "September," and insert "November."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, by adding the following :

“And it shall be the duty of two of the policemen, to be selected by the Mayor from and out of the policemen assigned to each police district, to attend each day, both forenoon and afternoon, at the office of the police magistrate of the district, for the purpose of serving process issued by such magistrate, which process it shall be the duty of the policeman to whom it may be delivered, forthwith to serve according to law, and make return thereof to the said magistrate, and it shall also be the duty of the said magistrate to report forthwith to the Mayor, in writing, any neglect of attendance or other misbehavior of said policemen.”

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section eighth being under consideration,

Mr. Biddle

Moved to amend, to add at end of section, “and it shall be further the duty of said magistrate to report forthwith to the Mayor, in writing, any misbehavior in any police officer or policeman, which may come to his notice at such hearings.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Grayson

Moved to amend, to insert after the word “respective,” in the second line, the word “district.”

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section ninth being under consideration,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend, to strike out on fourth line, the word “monthly,” and insert in lieu thereof, “at the commencement of the term of the Court of Quarter Sessions.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, to insert on second line, between "the" and "station," the word "district."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Offered the following as a new section, to be called section tenth, to wit :

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the police or committing magistrates, and they are hereby required to make report to the City Controller at the end of each and every month, of the amount of money received and due by them to the City, and the said police magistrates shall make out an account current at the end of each year, showing the amount received and the amount due them, and in no case shall they receive for their services as police or committing magistrates, any greater amount of money than the receipts of their respective offices shall exhibit.

Which was agreed to.

Section tenth, now eleventh, was agreed to.

Section eleventh, now twelfth, was agreed to.

Section twelfth, now thirteenth, was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The bill was then read a third time, and on the question, shall this bill pass ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Gordon.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Binder, Borie, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Chester, Davis, Dougherty, Duane, Enos, Freeman, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, O'Neill,

Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Treadwell, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh, Willets, Winship, Hacker, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Conrad, Davenport, Dunk, Dyer, Fuller, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, Manuel, Penrose, Reed, Sandgran.

Yeas 45; nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The clerk of the Mayor being introduced, presented the following message in writing:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Oct. 25, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following ordinances and resolutions, viz.:

“An Ordinance for the better protection of the bridges owned by the City of Philadelphia, across the river Schuylkill.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned.”

“A Resolution to release certain property of Abel Lukens, from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned.”

“Resolution adopted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, October 11, 1855.”

“Resolution to direct the Commissioner of City Property to notify the tenant of the Lemon Hill Estate to vacate the same.”

“An Ordinance to open Franklin street, from Front to Jefferson avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh street.”

“An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert.”

“An Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the District Surveyors and Regulators.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Common Council be informed that Select Council will meet them in Convention this day, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, Superintendent of Trusts, and one Guardian of the Poor for the Thirteenth Ward.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules to take up the bill to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Biddle

Moved to suspend the rules to proceed to the consideration of the bill which had been returned by the Mayor, with his objections, entitled,

“An Ordinance to appropriate a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-first Ward, for a burial ground.”

Pending the consideration of which,

The President, Clerks and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The President

Stated the object thereof.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,

The Clerks acting as tellers.

Who reported 84 votes cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for B. A. Shoemaker.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

37 voted for B. A. Shoemaker.

In all 52 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Marselis, Wharton.

6 voted for T West Blake.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, O'Neill, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

26 voted for T. West Blake.

In all 32 votes.

B. A. Shoemaker having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Assistant Engineer of the First Fire District.

When 84 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for John C. Poulson.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm,

Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

35 voted for John C. Poulson.

In all 49 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

7 voted for Robert Smith.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Dougherty, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Roberts, (C. B.), Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

27 voted for Robert Smith.

In all 34 votes.

Common Council.

Mr. Stevenson voted for Isaac Lower.

John C. Poulson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the First Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Assistant Engineer of the Second Fire District.

When 83 votes were cast.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Caldwell, Cornman, Hagner, Higgins, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

17 voted for John A. Rolin.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dougherty, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

38 voted for John A. Rolin.

In all 55 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Beideman, Marselis, Wharton.

3 voted for John B. Morasso.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Bremer, Brouse, Bockius, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Parham, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux, Welsh, Winship.

25 voted for John B. Morasso.

In all 28 votes.

John A. Rolin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Second Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Third Fire District.

When 83 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

13 voted for Henry Robinson.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baker (Abraham), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hoppel, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts, (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Treadwell, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

36 voted for Henry Robinson.

In all 49 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Hutchinson, Kline, Marselis, Wharton.

7 voted for Wm. A. Thorp.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Biddle, Borie, Bockius, Gay, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, Knorr, Mascher, Miller (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, O'Neill, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

18 voted for Wm. A. Thorp.

In all 25 votes.

Select Council.

Messrs. Beideman and Welsh.

2 voted for S. A. Batturs.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baker (A. J.), Brouse, Dougherty, Duane, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Vanhorn.

7 voted for S. A. Batturs.

In all 9 votes.

Henry Robinson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Third Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Fire District.

When 78 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, McWhorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Benjamin Wharton.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Brouse, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davenport, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, Hoppel, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), McMullen, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

37 voted for Benjamin Wharton.

In all 52 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Wharton.

6 voted for Hugh Clotworthy.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.) Baker (Abraham), Bremer, Bockius, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Mascher, Miller, (Andrew), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, McAdams, O'Neill, Parham, Roberts (C. B.), Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vaux.

20 voted for Hugh Clotworthy.

In all 26 votes.

Benjamin Wharton having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Fifth Fire District.

When 72 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Caldwell, Cornman, Hagner, Higgins, Hilles, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Wharton, Verree, *President*.

19 voted for William Glenn.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham), Berry, Biddle, Binder, Bilyeu, Bremer, Broomall, Brouse, Bockius, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), Miller (J. Washington), Murphy, M'Adams, M'Mullen, O'Neill, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts, (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Taylor, Vaux, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

53 voted for William Glenn.

In all 72 votes. Elected.

William Glenn having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Fifth Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Sixth Fire District.

When 74 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Wharton, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for J. C. Tully.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baker, (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Conrad, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, King, Manuel, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Miller (Hiram), M'Adams, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (C. B.), Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

40 voted for J. C. Tully.

In all 55 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline.

4 voted for G. Rittenhouse.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (Abraham), Biddle, Brouse, Bockius, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, O'Neill, Taylor, Vaux, Welsh.

15 voted for G. Rittenhouse.

In all 19 votes.

J. C. Tully having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Sixth Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Seventh Fire District.

When 72 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Welsh, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for R. C. Hicks.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Ches

ter, Conrad, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, King, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

30 voted for R. C. Hicks.

In all 44 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Wharton.

5 voted for F. J. Sorber.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.) Baker (Abraham), Bid-
dle, Borie, Brouse, Bockius, Duane, Gay, Hand, Hassinger,
Henry, Knorr, Martin, Miller (Andrew), Murphy, O'Neill,
Taylor, Vaux, Vanhorn.

20 voted for F. J. Sorber.

In all 25 votes.

Common Council.

Messrs. Mascher, M'Adams, Stevenson.

3 voted for T. A. Andrews.

R. C. Hicks having received a majority of all the votes
cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the
Seventh Fire District.

The Convention then proceeded to an election for Su-
perintendent of Trusts.

When 59 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Caldwell, Cornman, Hag-
ner, Higgins, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter,
Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman,
Welsh, Verree, *President*.

19 voted for Charles Oat.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Borie, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gay, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Hassinger, Henry, King, Knorr, Manuel, Marsh, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), M'Mullen, O'Neill, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Vanhorn, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

40 voted for Charles Oat.

In all 59 votes.

Charles Oat having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of Trusts.

The Convention then proceeded to an election for Guardian of the Poor for the Thirteenth Ward.

When 66 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council.

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hilles, Hutchinson, Keyser, Knorr, M'Whorter, Miller, Perkins, Selby, Stokes, Wainwright, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Thomas C. Steel.

Common Council.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Bilyeu, Broomall, Bumm, Chester, Davis, Dunk, Dyer, Enos, Freeman, Fuller, Gibson, Gordon, Grayson, Hand, Henry, King, Manuel, Marsh, M'Mullen, Parham, Penrose, Preston, Reed, Ridgway, Roberts (Spencer), Sandgran, Steelling, Willetts, Hacker, *President*.

31 voted for Thomas C. Steel.

In all 45 votes. Elected.

Select Council.

Messrs. Ashton, Hagner, Higgins, Kline.

4 voted for J. H. Dohnert.

Common Council.

Messrs. Baird, Baker (A. J.), Baker (Abraham),

Biddle, Brouse, Bockius, Duane, Gay, Hassinger, Knorr, Miller (Andrew), Miller (Hiram), Murphy, Stevenson, Vaux, Vanhorn, Welsh.

17 voted for J. H. Dohnert.

In all 21 votes.

Thomas C. Steel having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Guardian of the Poor for the unexpired term of Townsend Smith, deceased, of the Thirteenth Ward.

The President, Clerks and members of Select Council then retired to their Chamber, when

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that Council adjourn to meet on Monday next at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Penrose

Moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

So Council adjourned.

APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL OF COMMON COUNCIL.

APPENDIX No. 1.

PETITION, CONTESTING THE ELECTION OF ROBERT NEWELL,
RETURNED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM
THE FIFTEENTH WARD.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, that they are qualified electors of the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, and they complain of an undue election and false return for a member of the Common Council, of the said City for said Ward, at a municipal election held in said Ward, on Tuesday, the first day of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty-five. Because they say that the election officers of the several election divisions of the said Ward, have made return, that at the said election Hiram Miller received eleven hundred and twenty-two votes for Common Council; that George F. Gordon received ten hundred and eighty-eight votes for Common Council; that Robert Newell received ten hundred and eighty-five votes for Common Council; that Charles Vanhorn received ten hundred and eighty-four votes for Common Council; that Joseph Ferrall received nine hundred and sixty votes for Common Council; that Thomas McGrath received seven hundred and fifty-one votes for Common Council; that Leander Cridland received three hundred and forty-six votes for Common Council; and that Hiram Miller, George F. Gordon and Robert Newell, having received the highest number of votes, were elected members of the Common Council of the said City.

And your petitioners aver, that the said election is undue, and the return false in this, that the said Robert Newell did not receive the number of legal votes which the said officers have returned, and that the said Robert Newell did not receive a higher number of votes than were received by Charles Vanhorn; because they say:

That in the Second Election Division of said Ward, one Robert Newell voted illegally at the said election, he not having within two years paid a state or county tax assessed upon him, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, and that he voted a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council.

That in the Third Election Division of the said Ward, one John R. Johnson voted at the said election twice, and that he voted each time a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn.

That in the Fourth Election Division of the said Ward, one John Gabel voted at the said election illegally, he being a resident of Montgomery county, and not residing in the said Ward, and that he voted a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council.

That in the Fifth Election Division of said Ward, one John Thorn voted illegally at said election, as being between the age of twenty-one and twenty-two years, when in truth and in fact he was over the age of twenty-two years, and had not been assessed nor paid a state or county tax within two years, and that he voted a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council.

That in the Seventh Election Division of the said Ward, one — Larzalere voted illegally at the said election, he being a resident of the Twentieth Ward, and not residing in said Fifteenth Ward, and that he voted a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council.

That in the Eighth Election Division of the said Fifteenth Ward, one — Hayman voted illegally at said election, he being a resident of Chester county, and not residing in said

Ward, and that he voted a ticket having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council, and not having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council.

That in the Eighth Election Division of the said Ward, the officers of the election destroyed and did not count two tickets for Common Council, which had been duly voted and deposited in the ballot-box, each ticket having upon it the name of Charles Vanhorn for Common Council, and neither of them having upon it the name of Robert Newell for Common Council.

That the said illegal votes thus cast for Robert Newell, as above specified, should be deducted from the number of votes returned as cast for the said Robert Newell, and when deducted he will be found to have received but ten hundred and seventy-nine votes; and the said votes as above cast for Charles Vanhorn, and destroyed by the officers and not counted, should be added to the number of votes cast for Charles Vanhorn; and when added, it will be found that the said Charles Vanhorn received ten hundred and eighty-six votes for Common Council, and a higher number than was received by the said Robert Newell for Common Council; and that the said Charles Vanhorn was legally elected to the Common Council of the said City from the said Ward.

Your petitioners therefore represent, that the said Robert Newell has not been duly elected a member of Common Council of the said City, and they pray that your honorable body may direct an inquiry into the facts set forth herein, in the manner directed by the laws of this Commonwealth; and that the said Charles Vanhorn may be admitted to his seat as a member of the Common Council of the said City.

And they will ever pray, &c.

JOHN G. BRENNER,	FREDERICK MILEY,
THOMAS POTTER,	BENJ. BURNELL,
EDWARD M'LAUGHLIN,	ROBT. C. BRODIE,
JOHN SCOTT,	JOSEPH M. BURK,
W. F. MORAN,	WILLIAM W. BURNELL,
ALEX. MARTIN,	GIDEON BECKER,
DAVID CURRY,	JAMES M'CLINTOCK,
CHARLES COULTER,	THOMAS M'GRATH,
JAMES BLOOMER,	JASON G. JOHNSTONE,
F. D. LAUGHRAN,	JOSEPH COLLINS,

ANDREW WALLACE.

Benjamin Burnell, Alexander Martin and David Curry, three of the petitioners above named, being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true.

BENJ. BURNELL,
ALEX. MARTIN,
DAVID CURRY.

Sworn and subscribed before me, May 8, 1855.

JNO. B. KENNEY, *Alderman.*

APPENDIX No. 2.

PETITION, CONTESTING THE ELECTION OF ANDREW MILLER,
AS A MEMBER OF COMMON COUNCIL FROM THIRD WARD.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

The petition and complaint of the undersigned respectfully shows to your honorable body, that they are qualified voters of the Third Ward, in the City of Philadelphia, and were so at the election for municipal officers held on the first day of May, 1855. That they complain of the false return of Andrew Miller as a member of the Common Council from said Ward, and allege that George Norton received a larger number of votes at said election for Common Council than the said Andrew Miller, and was therefore duly elected. And the more fully to state this proposition, they say that by the returns, as made by the return judges and officers of said election in said Third Ward, give to Robert C. Smith eight hundred and eighty-nine votes, (889); to Samuel Price eight hundred and eighty-seven votes, (887); to George Norton nine hundred and forty-two votes, (942); to J. Borie nine hundred and ninety votes, (990); to John Welsh one thousand votes, (1,000); and to Andrew Miller nine hundred and eighty-two votes, (982); by which return, Messrs. Borie, Welsh and Miller, are returned as duly elected. Whereas, in truth and in fact, George Norton received in said Ward at said election for said office of Common Councilman, thirty more votes which were cast for him, and not cast for Andrew Miller, which said thirty votes were not counted or returned

for said George Norton, but were falsely counted and returned for Andrew Miller, which would make a difference of thirty votes in favor of said Norton more than were returned for him, and a difference of thirty votes against the said Andrew Miller, being that number of votes less than were returned for him; and showing that in fact said Norton received nine hundred and seventy-two votes, (972); and the said Miller only nine hundred and fifty-two votes, (952); and that the said Norton thereby received twenty votes more for said office than the said Miller, and is therefore duly elected as one of the Common Councilmen of said Ward; and to further sustain this allegation, the petitioners specify the following facts:—

First—That in the poll in the Eighth Election Division of said Ward at said election, one hundred and forty-five (145) ballots were cast for George Norton for Common Council, which said ballot had not the name of Andrew Miller upon them for said office, and were not cast for said Miller; whereas the officers of said election have returned that said Norton only received one hundred and fifteen votes, (115,) and the remaining thirty votes so cast for said Norton were not counted or returned for said Norton, but were counted and returned as having been cast for said Miller, and that the real number of votes cast for said Andrew Miller at said last mentioned poll at said election, was one hundred and thirteen, (113); whereas the said Andrew Miller is falsely returned as having received one hundred and forty-three votes; whereby it is seen, that the real number of votes in favor of George Norton over the vote returned for him and the vote returned for Andrew Miller, is sixty votes in favor of Norton and against said Miller, and that this difference would change the result of the election; the whole majority falsely returned in the whole of said Ward for Miller being forty votes.

Second—That in said Eighth Division of said Third Ward at said election, thirty votes and upwards were received for the Common Council for said Ward, which said thirty votes were not counted and returned as having been cast, but which thirty votes and upwards were, after the poll had closed, taken from the ballot boxes, and were abstracted and thrown away by a person or persons improperly allowed to be present while the votes were being counted, and thirty other and different ballots not cast by voters, were fraudulently substi-

tuted and counted as having been legally cast for said office of Common Council, whereby the result of the election in the said Ward might have been, and your petitioners firmly believe was changed, in this, that the whole majority of votes in said Ward returned for said Andrew Miller for said office over George Norton (the said George Norton being returned as having received the highest number of votes of any candidate voted for for said office, next after said Miller,) is only forty votes; whereas, the fraudulent abstraction and substitution aforesaid of thirty votes, might and your petitioners believe did make a difference of sixty votes in the result, by taking from said Norton thirty votes and adding to the count for said Miller thirty more votes and upwards than were legally cast for said Miller, which would give the said Norton a clear and legal majority over said Miller of twenty votes, and duly elected him to the Common Council for said Ward. And your petitioners further allege in this connection, and pray it may be taken as part of this specification, that the election officers of said Eighth Division of said Ward at said election, contrary to law, kept the poll of said division open at said election for a long time after the legal hour for closing it, to wit, till five minutes after eight o'clock, and that after eight o'clock they received a large number of votes for Common Council, to wit, ten votes—which said ten votes might have, and your petitioners firmly believe did change the result of election in said Ward for the said office of Common Council. Ten votes which, in connection with the votes fraudulently abstracted and substituted as set forth in this specification hereinbefore, might and your petitioners believe did make a difference of seventy votes, which difference is against said Norton and in favor of said Miller.

Third—That in said Eighth Election Division of said Ward at said election, fifteen votes and upwards were received by the officers of said election for the office of Common Council, by persons not legally qualified or entitled to vote, which said fifteen illegal votes were cast, counted and returned for Andrew Miller, and were not cast, counted or returned for said George Norton, which would still further change the result of election in the whole of said Ward for said office of Common Council, as set forth in specification second, fifteen votes and upwards.

Your petitioners therefore contest the election and return

of Andrew Miller as a member of the Common Council, and pray that you will inquire into the truth of the facts alleged in this complaint and petition, in the manner pointed out by law, and that you will not admit said Andrew Miller as a member of the Common Council from the Third Ward, but will admit said George Norton as a member of the said Common Council, duly and legally elected at said election, or will at your discretion order a new election to be held in said Ward for one Common Councilman, and they will ever pray.

WM. PAUL,
M. N. EVERLY,
CHRISTIAN LINTHORST,
JOHN GILKEY,
N. M'KINLEY,
JOHN KELLEY,
EDWARD M. DURBOROW,
JOSEPH BROWN,
DAVID CRAIG,

WILLIAM KEECH,
SAMUEL CLARK,
WM. W. BARNES,
ROBT. H. WARD,
JAMES WISE,
M. W. CLARK,
THOS. SINGLETON,
JNO. KELLY, 5th street,
WM. H. PEARSON.

Three of the above named petitioners being duly sworn, say that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition and complaint are true.

WM. H. PEARSON,
CHRISTIAN LINTHORST,
EDWARD M. DURBOROW.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 14th day of May, A. D. 1855.

C. ISARD, *Alderman*.

I, William S. Allen, one of the City Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, do certify that the names of fifteen of the above named petitioners, were returned to us by the Assessors who made the assessment of 1854, as residing within the boundaries of what is now the Third Ward of the City of Philadelphia, and as such, I believe them to be qualified voters of said Ward.

WM. S. ALLEN, *City Commissioner*.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 3.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—By the Act of Consolidation, it is made the duty of the Mayor “to communicate to Councils at least once a year, and oftener, if deemed expedient, a general statement of the condition of the government, in relation to its finances and improvements, and to recommend the adoption of all such measures as he may deem expedient for the security, health, cleanliness, improvement and welfare of the City.” To enable him to perform his duty, power is conferred upon him, in common with the committees of Councils, “to maintain a supervision of each department, whether corporate or otherwise, for the exposure and correction of all evils and abuses, and to compel the production of books and papers, and the examination of witnesses;” I have considered it proper to make report to Councils at a period when, under the system of annual accountability to the public, the affairs of the City, with the expiration of one Council, and the inauguration of another, should be presented for public scrutiny and consideration; but as the law proposes a regular and annual communication, in addition to those which may be dictated by occasional necessity, and as it devolves upon me, so far as a single example may do so, to establish a precedent as to the time when that communication shall be made, I think it desirable, in consideration of the difference in the official tenures of the executive officers, and of the representatives of the people in Councils, that the commencement of the year should be regularly adopted as the period for the annual executive message to Councils, and therefore the annual message will be delivered on the first meeting of Councils in January hereafter.

In conformity with the duty enforced upon me, I have made an official call upon the head of every branch of the public service for such information in relation to the public interests committed to his charge, as the government is entitled to, and it becomes my duty to remark that, while many of them claim the public confidence by the fullness,

frankness and clearness of their exhibitions, there are others that, probably from satisfactory causes, have been most tardily made, and are not so ample and explicit as might be desired and expected. The field of inquiry is more extensive, as the labors and accountabilities of the government of a great City are more multiplied, various and important, than is generally believed. The greatness of the interests involved—though those of Philadelphia are far from inconsiderable—does not always determine the difficulty nor the dignity of legislative labors so truly, as the multiplicity of those interests and their issues, the number of public departments, and the variety of duties which are incidental to them. In the call for information made upon the heads of the various departments, a copy of which is appended, their attention has been earnestly called to the primary duties of improvement in the service, and retrenchment in the expenditures of the government; and their reports, herewith submitted, will furnish such facts and suggestions as the inquiries have elicited.

It is, perhaps, the unfortunate tendency of all municipal governments, in which the frequent expenditures of large amounts are necessary, to lapse into improvidence, if not corruption. It is, therefore, proper, at the opening of our annually renewed legislative career, to investigate rigorously, regardless of all parties or persons, and with or without accusation, every subject that can be presumed to cover abuse or extravagance; and to inquire, in regard to every branch of the government, what wrong can be redressed, what prodigality retrenched, and where and how we may secure a more energetic, inexpensive and effective administration of the public interests. To such inquiries and efforts, I will, so far as change is improvement, and retrenchment true economy, consider it my privilege and duty to lend my official aid and sanction.

It has been my earnest desire to address Councils in relation to the financial condition of the government, the subject which most engages the public attention, most involves the public interests; and which, from its intimate connection with every branch of the public service, should be the principal subject of the annual communication from the executive to the legislature of the City. But I have to regret that the Controller, as will be seen by the following letter, has failed to respond to the official call made upon him:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 16, 1855. }

HON. R. T. CONRAD, Mayor:

Sir—I have endeavored to comply with your request, in furnishing you with all the information in regard to the interests of the City, as connected with this office, but the duties of the office has been such, that it is an impossibility for me to render you the information in time for your annual message. I regret it exceedingly, and would have prevented it if in my power.

Yours,

JOHN N. HENDERSON, *Controller*.

It is hardly necessary to say, that in the absence of the report of the principal financial officer of the City Government, no review of the past, and no consideration of the present state of that most important branch of the duties and interests of the government is possible. This is to be regretted, as no delay should be permitted in regard to the pressing duties connected with this department. I will improve the earliest opportunity to address Councils upon this subject, and, meanwhile, may be permitted to state that I will zealously aid and sanction every measure necessary to sustain the financial interests and credit of the City.

The duties of Councils, during the first year of the new government, have been earnest and onerous, and their labors are probably not so favorably appreciated as they will be hereafter. They were required, in effect, to frame a government for a City, peculiar in the character and condition of its constituent municipalities and communities, and spreading over an area so extensive as to embrace within City limits large agricultural interests. It was their duty to organize its many departments, each in itself a government, and controlling interests various, intricate and important. They were obliged to establish the fundamental laws of those departments, to select the officers required to administer them, and, in effect, to watch over and guide them into practical and successful operation. To effect this, under a carefully perfected system, would have been no ordinary task, requiring neither ordinary abilities nor ordinary labors; but the Act of Consolidation, under which Councils acted, is known to have been, necessarily, a compromise, crude and incomplete, which reserved

many of the issues that should have been settled by the legislation of the State, for that of the Councils. Besides, all the circumstances attendant upon the birth of the new government, and the duties of its guardians in Council, were peculiar. They were expected, by the unreflecting, to realize, and at once, the extraordinary advantages always expected from innovation, and especially the financial benefits anticipated from consolidation—an utter impossibility, as many of the old municipal governments were, at the time of their demise, on the eve of bankruptcy; some were absolutely bankrupt; some had recklessly or corruptly enlarged their engagements and the responsibilities of the new government, with a frightful rashness, the results of which now burthen us, and others had permitted their financial affairs to fall into a condition of chaotic confusion, doubt and irresponsibility. All of doubt, difficulty and accountability, thus accumulated, the new government was, in addition to its own burthens, required to bear. It was expected to correct the abuses, methodize the confusion, and supply the fiscal deficiencies thus heaped upon it; and to do this, in addition to the duty of organizing and carrying on a complicated government for itself, and of encountering the most serious financial embarrassments, in the gloomiest monetary crisis known to the country. And it should be remembered that these extraordinary results were expected, not from professional jurists and experienced statesmen, liberally requited, but from our fellow-citizens, who withdrew from their avocations and interests, to dedicate themselves to the service of the City. For one year they thus unremittingly labored, during which period they met three hundred and nineteen times in committee; they held eighty-one sessions, and passed seven hundred and thirty-six ordinances and resolutions. In the course of that period, a sense of duty constrained me, upon various occasions, and upon important questions, to manifest a decided difference of opinion from that which governed the action of Councils, and even to interpose the power with which I am entrusted to prevent what I deemed serious departures from the principles of the Act of Consolidation, and the true policy of the City; but I cannot doubt that the community owes a debt of gratitude to the diligence, devotion, and public spirit of those citizens whose unrequited labors have organized this government, and have, if not effected all that was expected or

desired, at least done so much as to leave a generous task of emulation to their successors. There is more danger to be apprehended from injustice to public servants, than from want of jealousy or suspicion. But few inducements remain for the wise and good to run the gauntlet of a public trust. The misfortune of our country is, that abounding in good and great men, even the most urgent solicitation can seldom induce the disinterested to enter, at the risk of peace and fame, the public service. Let the howl of disappointed faction be encouraged by respectable public opinion, and the field will be left wholly to the wolves who raise it. The present Councils have, therefore, the strongest reasons, referring to the dignity and duty of the public and themselves, for discouraging injustice to their predecessors, who, after laboring long and weariedly, and, as it is feared, unthankfully, for the City, have, with little reason for congratulation, retired to the refuge of private life.

As the primary object of all government is protection against lawless violence, its first duty is the establishment of a power that will maintain the public tranquility; and the absence and urgent necessity of such a power was here the influential motive for the adoption of "Consolidation." The need of a vigorous police is perhaps greater in our large American cities, than anywhere in the civilized world. If our population were native, or homogeneous, we would have less need of police restraints than a city like London, whose vast population is governed with a mild control, that secures tranquility, without oppression. As a more youthful and less corrupt people, with less inequality, less ignorance, and less misery, there would be less necessity for police guardianship; and in point of fact, our American communities hardly knew the necessity of such protection until the excess of immigration had changed the character of our cities. But in the actual state of the facts, we now need greater police energies for the protection of our people than the capitols of Europe. Perverted immigration has filled our cities with pauperism—the fruitful parent of disorder and crime. Of this fact, no other proof is needed than the annexed statement of the condition of our Poor Department. Perverted immigration has filled our cities with the transported criminals of Europe. The extent of this insulting and hostile policy, more worthy of just resentment than the frothy trifles so often made the

subject of declamation, is not fully known; but no magistrate connected with the police administration, can be ignorant of the fact, (and its statement should not be considered a wrong to the worthy emigrant—for to such it does not, and is not intended to apply,) that a considerable proportion of those arrested for crime are the exiles of European prisons. But the same cause has introduced novel and foreign vices and habits, the engendering and prolific causes of crime; and even where these do not exist, it has made our cities the home of the disputes of clans and classes, sects and factions, alien to our character and country. To these various sources must we mainly ascribe the increase in our cities of beggars and vagrancy, of audacious prostitution and lawless riot, with all the terrible catalogue of crime that swell the calendar of our courts, and crowd the cells of our prisons. Nor can it be overlooked, that the same cause has induced a hostility of classes that has made so many of our American cities—but for that single cause, harmonious and happy—the scene of insurrection and civil warfare. It is not pleasant to refer to such facts, but it is a melancholy truth, that all Europe has not presented the same number of civic insurrections as have, from this unfortunate cause, been produced in our own country; that a recent instance, in a western city, affords a proof of the activity and power of this spirit; and that the same causes continue to menace the same results. But it would be most unjust to ascribe all the dissensions and riots that have disturbed the public tranquility to this cause. In the ungovernable temper of those who call themselves firemen, and who, under the pretext of protecting the City, outrage its laws and disturb its peace, not unfrequently carrying the fury of their feuds to the extent of murder, we find equal evidence of the necessity of an energetic system of police protection. The results of these and other causes of public disquietude—the constant recurrence of riot, the frequent loss of life, and the universal sense of insecurity, induced the conviction that an exemption from evils so terrible—evils which lower the character of the city, affected its commerce, and depreciated its property—would be cheaply purchased at any price; and that the first duty of the government was the establishment of an effective police.

The subject of municipal police economy has been made the theme of investigation, so searching, and of an experience

so extended, that it may be almost considered a science. It has been, especially in England, where it has been brought to the greatest perfection, reduced to rules which, in their operation, seem to be almost unerring, and attain, at the least expense, the certain result of security. The only police worth a thought—the only police capable of effecting a result worthy of public care or approbation, is that which is based upon the principle of prevention. The miserable system by which the public was so long amused with a show of security—a system under which the officers waited patiently until crime was committed, and then set upon the pursuit of the offender, constituted, at best, an authorized warfare between the police and the criminals, and if it did not encourage crime, did not prevent it. Under the most favorable views, it was an ineffective system of subsequent vengeance; and in every moral and practical point of view, was an absurdity. *Such is the character of every police that is not sufficient to render the commission of crime nearly, if not quite, impossible.* The only police worth the cost of its maintenance, is one of prevention; and such a police should be a system, overspreading and guarding the whole community, rendering it either impossible, or most dangerous, to attempt the commission of crime, and leaving no moment of time, and no place, without its guardian. The preventive police has been adopted in nearly every well regulated community, and wherever adopted, has been retained. It is approved, because it is, in a moral point of view, better to prevent crime than to punish it; because it is less expensive to the government to deter the criminal than to arrest, convict and support him, and to the individual members of the community, who are protected from depredations, whose property becomes more valuable from its security, and whose lives and labors, days and nights, have the inestimable value of tranquility.

It was the aim of the City Government to make the present a preventive police, so far as its limited number, in view of its enlarged duties, rendered it possible. The first requisite recognized was the personal character of the officer; and in every case, the most unexceptionable evidence was required that the applicant conformed to the following rule:

“To hold a place in the police, the following qualifications will be required:—American birth; age between twenty-three and fifty; physical health and vigor; ability to read and

write ; entire purity of moral character and habits ; invariable temperance ; unquestionable courage ; peaceable and courteous manners ; decorous and genteel attire ; zeal for the service ; respectful obedience to superior officers ; and promptness and decision in action."

The number of the police, as it involves the question of expense, is a subject of serious inquiry. If, after investigation, that number be considered excessive, I will not hesitate to sanction such measures as a proper economy shall dictate in regard to its diminution. The preservation of the public peace and the enforcement of the laws constitute an imperative duty, and it would be a false economy to expose the community to perils or outrages, by withdrawing the guardians necessary for their protection. The number of the police is nominally 916, though, under an anxious desire to lessen the expenses of the department, I have dispensed with officers whenever and wherever the public service would allow it. A less number has at all times been employed. The same motive has induced a stinted policy in regard to the station houses ; and it is believed that, in their preparation for the uses of the department, there has been exercised an economy which, though not inconsistent with their efficiency, has effected a large saving to the public.

The duties of the police have been prescribed in a manual, carefully prepared, after an elaborate examination of the police systems of the European cities and those of our own country, which manual is placed in the hands of each officer, and all are held to a rigid accountability, under the regulations thus established. The force is necessarily divided into three classes, one of which is always upon active service, and every officer is held to a strict responsibility for the condition of his peculiar "beat." The extent of their charge, the number of miles of streets and alleys under their supervision and guardianship, is about six hundred. This extent must be traversed, watched, and guarded by a force seldom averaging more than two hundred and fifty, a duty greater than human energies can render. Yet, under the theory of the preventive system, each officer is held accountable for the entire section placed under his care. To diminish the number, and thus extend the area assigned to their protection, would be, necessarily, to ordain that the excess of space, beyond their power to traverse, should be deprived of protection. A careful

examination of the facts, will prove the impossibility of extending even the promise and pretence of protection to the entire City, with the present number of police, to any considerable extent, diminished, and will demonstrate, that such diminution will be, in effect, a return to the old system, with all its feebleness, corruption, and inutility.

It should be the aim of Philadelphia to render her police arrangements superior to those of her rival cities. A comparison of her police with that of New York, will indicate the relative means of the two cities to attain these advantages. The police of New York consists of a body of armed, uniformed and disciplined officers, comprising about 1,200 men; that of Philadelphia consists of about 900. The great duty of the police is to guard the dwellings of citizens. The houses in New York number by the last census, about 37,500; those of Philadelphia are over 60,000. The principal labor required from the police is to traverse, as sentinels, the streets committed to their care. The area of Philadelphia, excluding the rural districts, nearly doubles that of New York. Thus the police duty is much greater in Philadelphia, though the force is much less; and I may add, that the police salaries in New York are much more liberal than those here allowed. In regard to the duties required and performed, and the number of officers to whom they are confided, as well as the compensation given, the system of Philadelphia is much the more economical; and it is believed that a comparison with every well regulated municipality, here and in Europe, would exhibit the same favorable result.

I invite the attention of Councils to the police statistics annexed. They disclose facts which deserve their attention. The primary object of consolidation was to secure a vigorous police, and a tranquil City. Before that time, not only were our streets terrified with nightly riots, but they witnessed in more than one instance, mid-day assassinations, and disregard and defiance of law were so open, frequent, and flagrant, as to demand the adoption of a more efficient police system. Under the former government there were no nightly watchmen in some of our large and populous districts, and the day police, such as it was, was rather the source, than the security against disorder and crime. Under this state of things incendiariism, street conflicts and crimes of all kinds became rather the rule than the exception of the government of Philadelphia.

The change that ensued upon the adoption of the present government was effected at less expense, and with fewer agents, than under the circumstances could have been expected. The City of Philadelphia proper had enjoyed a certain degree of exemption from turbulence and disquietude. No one supposed that its police was excessive in members; and the new government might have been justified in extending the City system over the contiguous municipalities; but instead of doing so, it diminished the number of police in the city proper, and, upon that depreciated police standard, merely extended the protection of a similar police system to districts where there had been either no police, or but the shadow of one. Unless the City was overburthened with its police before the Consolidation Act, there can be no excess now, as within the city proper, the number of the police is much less than before the Act of Consolidation, where they had a police of 361 men. They have now only 300 men, and the same proportion has been observed in extending the system to the districts. If, then, the City was not too well guarded before, the districts are not now, for the number of their protectors, and the standard of that number, instead of being increased, has been considerably diminished.

The late session of the Legislature, in prohibiting the sale of liquor in the same place where it is drunk, and thus suppressing the drinking houses now so numerous in this community, imposed upon the authorities of the City a duty equally important and difficult. It will demand, for its execution, every energy of a faithful and effective police; and in view of such a duty to reduce the power of the authorities would be, in effect, to repeal the law.

Of the organization, action and results of the police department, I may be permitted to speak with satisfaction. Its officers are gentlemen selected for their high character, and worthy, from their intelligence and integrity, of the trust reposed in them. To their energy and fidelity may be ascribed the results which have transformed the aspect of our City—have made our Sabbath sacred, and rendered violence and outrage, once so familiar to our streets, almost unknown.

The organization of the police force was necessarily attended with considerable expense. The establishment of a new Police Station became necessary in each ward; cells were to be constructed and furniture supplied. A strict economy in all

expenditures incident to this object has been observed; and, with the exception of the Third and Fourth Wards, comfortable and proper accommodations have been provided for the wants of the service. The impossibility of procuring suitable houses in the Third and Fourth Wards is the cause of the exception.

The cost of fitting up all Police Stations, construction of cells, and providing furniture for the same, was \$13,800.

The annual appropriation to the Police Department for the current year, 1855, was \$505,640: the actual expense of the department will be less than that amount. For the quarter ending April 1st, 1855, the salaries of all officers attached to the Police Department amounted to \$117,184 74. The expenses, other than salaries, for the same period, including rent of stations, arrest and conviction of offenders, &c., was \$4,984 64; making the total expense of the Executive and Police Departments for the first quarter of the current fiscal year, \$122,169 38.

During the seven months ending April 30th, 1855, the Police force made 16,772 arrests.*

The importance of this department, and the peculiar circumstances in which I found it placed, have made it my duty to devote to it a much larger share of my attention than would otherwise have been consistent, or, perhaps, proper. I rejoice that the earnest and unremitting labor bestowed upon it has effected the results which I desired, and which have been so fruitful in blessings to the community. But before leaving this subject, permit me to remark that the very triumphs attained are likely to be used against the department. Those who know little of the profound and long continued efforts by which tranquility has been secured to the public, who see districts, heretofore given over to lawless license, now

* For intoxication, - - -	3,917	Gambling, - - - -	87
Disorderly conduct, - - -	8,224	Bigamy, - - - -	6
Riot, - - - -	262	Conspiracy, - - - -	14
Assault and battery, - - -	1,308	Highway robbery, - - -	2
Vagrancy, - - - -	613	Burglary, - - - -	42
Larceny, - - - -	971	Forgery, - - - -	2
Keeping disorderly houses, -	130	Other offences, - - - -	819
Violations of the Liquor Law,	296		
Murder, - - - -	13	Total, - - - -	16,772
Arson, - - - -	36		

redeemed, and rendered calm and happy, doubt the necessity of the causes by which those results were, with infinite pain and peril, attained. Why, they ask, should we have public guardians where all is peace and security? A wise discretion will suggest that evil is ever active and alert, and that if the preventive agencies, now noiselessly but effectually applied be withdrawn, all that in the past affrighted and afflicted the community, will be, upon the instant, renewed. The true merit and boast of a well directed preventive police is, that it excludes crime and disorder; its most valuable results are those that cannot be paraded—the absence of crime; and in proportion as it effects its real object, its necessity becomes less apparent to the community. The only answer to such objections is, an appeal to the community to contrast the present and the past. Withdraw the safeguards now established, and the past will soon become the present.

In relation to this branch of the public service, I cannot conclude without acknowledging that much of the efficiency of the present police system is due to the intelligence, devotion and influence of the late Chairman of the Police Committee, and to the cordial co-operation I always received from him in perfecting its details and discipline.

The report of the Guardians of the Poor will deserve the attention of Council. It is impossible to regard the vast expenditure of this department without a doubt, not merely as to the details of the system, but as to the wisdom of the system itself. The vastness of the amount expended, the invitation given to foreign pauperism, and the encouragement extended to the vicious and indolent of our own population, present subjects for serious consideration. The details of the system are open to greater objection: in the present condition of the finances of the City, it is proper to retrench at every possible point of expenditure, and it must be admitted by every one who has examined the Department of the Poor, that there is ample room for such retrenchment. It will be found by the annual report of the Board, that the out-door relief for the year ending May 20, 1854, was \$56,895. For the corresponding period ending May 20, 1855, there is reason to believe the amount will reach \$80,000. It can hardly be believed that so large a sum could thus be disbursed in accordance with any sound principle of public benevolence. The mode of administering this relief is by nine visitors, in the seve-

ral sections of the City, and the members of the Board, (21 in number,) who give, or order to be given, at their discretion, the relief thus dispensed. This is distributed in coal, cash, wood and groceries. The original design of this system was the economical relief of private poverty, but the expenditure has become so enormous as to render the entire system a subject of serious doubt. The visitors and guardians are besieged with applications during winter, many cases coming from the same quarter that are relieved by private or organized benevolence; and, it is stated, on good authority, that these applications amount to half a million of dollars annually. It is a fact, established by the experience of the benevolent organizations of the cities of our country, that the proclaimed and expected advantages extended by public charity, create the pauperism they are expected to relieve; and it is certain, that not only is a large proportion of this bounty dispensed carelessly and unwisely, to the imprudent and unworthy, but that it taxes the people with an expenditure that encourages the evils which it relieves, and multiplies the number of those who expect their maintenance from an improvident public department. Nor can it be doubted, even by the most casual observer, that the premiums offered by an easy and indolent life, within the walls of the Almshouse, do much to increase the unnecessary burthens of the City. The reputation of our Almshouse, as the refuge of the idle, is known, even in Europe, and invites the paupers, not only of neighboring cities, but of foreign shores, to the lazy dependence, so readily secured at the expense of our citizens. There seems to be no reasonable objection to the introduction of a more disciplined system of labor in the Almshouse. To the aged and afflicted, the couch of public benevolence should be softened with the kindest ministrations; but, to the idle wretches, who expect and depend upon its bounty, as a mere escape from labor, there should be the rigid enforcement of active labor. Let me add, in this connection, that I see no reason why the Almshouse should not comprise within its extensive walls the benefits of a House of Correction. Every advantage necessary for such an institution is there possessed; and its adoption would be attended, not only with a diminution of pauperism, but with the correction of vagrancy and the discouragement of vice.

The large amount of expenditure incident to the Department of the Poor, and the prevailing doubts as to its wisdom,

seem to dictate the propriety of an investigation, on the part of Councils, in relation to the condition and management of this institution.

Though reluctant to approach, in the absence of the Controller's report, the subject of the finances, I will suggest that the grounds of the Almshouse property, not more than one-half of which will ever be required for the purposes of the poor, be disposed of, and the proceeds appropriated to replenish the treasury. These grounds are very valuable, from their near vicinity to improvements, and might find purchasers at any time. They are now used for farming purposes, and of course produce but little in value. It is estimated that more than \$200,000 worth of that property might be disposed of, and the wants of the city in no wise impaired.

The report from the Commissioner of City Property is very full and satisfactory—exhibiting in detail a list of all property owned by the City committed to the care of that officer. Much of that property, especially the Corporation Halls of the old municipalities, is not required by the wants of the City, and is at present not only unproductive, but a source of expense. Sound policy suggests that, in accordance with the provisions of the 22d section of the Supplement to the Consolidation Act, "as rapidly as purchasers can be procured without a sacrifice of price," such property should be sold.

In the Department of Gas, one of the most important connected with the City Government, and the interests of our people, the information furnished is full, and in every particular satisfactory. It is a subject of congratulation that the various questions connected with this important interest have been permanently adjusted. The advantages, both as respects convenience and safety, arising from the use of gas light, are now so well understood and appreciated, as to have produced a general desire for the extension of its benefits to all parts of the City, where population is sufficiently dense to warrant its introduction.

Numerous petitions, promising an addition of many thousand lights, the supplying of which would contribute both to the welfare of the petitioners and to the prosperity of the Gas Works, have been presented by citizens in the newly built parts of the city, who are in every way entitled to the accommodation they request, but cannot receive it, in consequence of the want of authority on the part of the Trustees for raising the requisite funds.

In January, 1855, the anticipated necessity of making provision to meet the demands for extension of the street pipes, was brought to the notice of the Trustees, in the annual report of the Engineer, and the subject was soon after urged upon the attention of Councils in a report of the Trustees, in which was set forth their opinion in favor of continuing a policy from which had resulted so much advantage, both to the public and to citizens individually, without any hazard of taxing the City treasury.

A bill, framed for the purpose of conferring the requisite authority to enable the Trustees to meet the wishes of their fellow-citizens, by making the extensions they request, was introduced into the late body of Common Councils, and having been by their action carried through the preliminary forms required by law, is now in a position to be taken up and perfected, with but little further delay, and as a postponement of it for a few weeks will virtually deprive many citizens of its benefits for a whole year, it becomes highly desirable that it should be finally acted on as early as may be practicable.

Another subject which the interests of the Gas Works require to be urged upon the early attention of Councils, is the necessity of providing houses for the accommodation of the workmen employed at the new Gas Works in the First Ward, from the want of which serious inconvenience now arises to the men, who are compelled to travel several miles, daily, to and from their work; and also the hazard of a deficient supply of gas is encountered, in case the workmen should by any cause be prevented from reaching their distant place of employment.

The Department of Public Highways is one that merits, on account of the importance of its duties and the amount of its expenditures, the early and earnest attention of Councils. The call made upon the chief of the department elicited a report which is subjoined. It refers to various subjects of public interest in the department, the importance of which demands a more elaborate consideration, but affords no information upon the subject of retrenchment to which the attention of the chief of the department was especially directed.

The duties of this department affect the most important public interests, and demand the utmost energy and devotion for their satisfactory performance. The facilities afforded, by perfected avenues, for intercourse and transportation, are the

best evidences, results and promotives of the prosperity of a community. The wishes and interests of the public unite to invoke a peculiar attention and faithful devotion to this duty, and it is to be hoped that the influence of Councils will stimulate the exertions necessary to answer the just expectations of the community. It is not or ought not to be sufficient to satisfy the people that the public avenues are in a practicable condition—they should be, under an energetic government, faultless; and there should also be manifested the will and ability to extend and improve them.

It will be my duty, hereafter, to communicate with Councils upon the various and important subjects connected with the operations of this department; but, it is proper that I should now invite the attention of Councils to the necessity of retrenchment in the unnecessary expenses incident to the present cumbrous system. The chief of the department has declined at present to report the retrenchments suggested by his practical knowledge of the workings of the department, reserving his communication upon this subject for a more favorable period, when it will be made to the proper committees; but I consider it my duty to urge upon Councils the propriety of an early revision of the ordinance establishing this department. It is a matter of remark, that those who supervise the labors of this branch of the service nearly equal in number the operatives who perform the work; and certain it is, that the multiplication of officials in the department is in obvious and almost absurd disproportion to the necessity of their services. A very considerable number of these officers may, without prejudice to the service, be dispensed with, and the government thus saved an expense, for which there seems to be neither necessity nor excuse.

However influential may be the considerations that urge the propriety of uniting the eastern and western portions of our City, and continuing Chestnut street, by a viaduct, over the Schuylkill, a measure recommended by the soundest policy the 21st section of the Supplement to the Consolidation Act seems to render it at present impossible. Until the City Treasury shall have been relieved from all present or prospective embarrassment, or until the law referred to shall have been removed from the statute book, there seems to be no ability on the part of the City Government to adopt any measures to secure a result so generally and justly desired by our citizens.

The reports of the "Superintendent of City Railroads," "Commissioner of Wharves and Landings," and "Commissioner of Markets," herewith submitted, present in detail the operations of the departments over which they respectively preside, and I respectfully commend the suggestions contained therein to the consideration of Councils.

The report of the President of Girard College exhibits a flattering condition of that institution.

There is, perhaps, no branch of the government in regard to which a feeling of such unmingled satisfaction may be indulged, as that of the Public Schools. Their annual report is appended, and will be found to afford evidence of the devoted and faithful performance, on the part of the estimable gentlemen to whom an enlightened public confidence has confided this invaluable trust, of all the exalted duties of their station.

The report of the President of the Board of Inspectors of the County Prison contains facts of great and general interest. The prison statistics prove that, under the present police system, there has been a decrease in the amount of crime, which is equally extraordinary and gratifying. They establish the important fact, that the energetic and faithful administration of the laws circumscribes the empire of profligacy, and the misery which attends it not only diminishes crime, in its fearful consequences, but that it reduces the public charges and burthens. The administration of the prison seems to have deserved and secured the public approbation within the past year, on the statistical results ascertained by the reports of the officers of the prison, which prove to be highly satisfactory. I will probably improve a future opportunity to address the Councils upon this subject.

The report of the City Solicitor, which is appended, exhibits a great degree of activity and energy in that department. It has, in regard to all the departments and interests of the government, won, by diligence, zeal and fidelity of its officers, general confidence and applause.

The delay in the organization of the Department of Surveys by the late Councils, and the reorganization of that department under the provisions of the 3d and 4th sections of the Supplement to the Consolidation Act, has prevented the head of that department, in the limited time he has been in office, and the difficulties attending its organization, from submitting an extended report. The suggestions contained

in the report submitted, are recommended to the early attention of Councils.

The call made, under the Act of Consolidation, upon the City Commissioners for information in relation to their department, has been, for reasons not explained, unattended to.

The various and important provisions of the Supplement to the Act of Consolidation, passed at the late session of the Legislature, impose duties and restrictions upon the City government, which will, necessarily, have received their attentive consideration. One of the sections, the twenty-first, places the Mayor in a relation to Councils that cannot but be embarrassing. It requires, among other things, that "it shall be the duty of the Mayor to keep a register of the amount and objects of all appropriations, and to withhold his signature for all new constructions and redemption of tolls aforesaid, until all the interests accruing on the loans of the City, and the principals of those becoming due, and the ordinary and necessary expenses of the City, and the administration of justice in the county, shall be *adequately* provided for, and without his signature any ordinance therefore shall not go into effect."

The "constructions" referred to are those designated in the twentieth section of the same Act, in the following words: "the construction of any new building, school house, bridge, culvert, new paving of streets," &c. This enactment leaves Councils at liberty to make appropriations for any, even the most extravagant, objects—those stated, which comprise the interests most valuable to a rapidly advancing City, alone excepted; but, in regard to the stated objects, it imposes upon the Mayor a duty, not only unrepugnant, but inconsistent with every received principle of enlightened government. It makes it his duty, for the failure to perform which he is liable not only for impeachment as an officer, but to indictment as a criminal, to withhold his signature from the action of the Legislature in the cases mentioned. The veto power is not, under any circumstances, pleasant to the possessor, nor gracious to the legislature; but under the section cited, the Mayor and the Councils are subjected to the same iron authority—he is compelled to withhold his sanction, and they are required to submit. The contingency contemplated by the act in regard to the state of the City treasury, is one involving so much of difficulty and doubt, as to require the exercise of

the most guarded caution on the part of the executive. It may be doubted whether the certain facts mentioned by the act can be, under any amplitude of examination and vigilance of research, ascertained. It seems to contemplate that the executive department should be made a Controller's office, and that all the auxiliaries should be employed necessary to ascertain what must be ascertained, viz: First, the future accountability of the City; second, the ability of the government to meet that accountability.

Under the obligations thus imposed, it is necessary that the Mayor should be enabled, by such clerical aid as the exigencies of this extraordinary duty require, to obtain the information necessary for the intelligent exercise of the novel prerogative imposed upon him. Without that information it will become his duty to withhold his signature from every appropriation within the category mentioned. Even if he be expected to rely upon the reports furnished by the departments—a reliance which the suspicious spirit of the enactment does not seem to sanction—it will require for the duties thus assigned a Clerk of Registration; and such an officer seems to be contemplated by the act. The duties of the department, as at present constituted, which requires from one person all the labor of a clerk of the Chief Magistrate, of a clerk of the police department, and of a secretary of the executive branch of the administration, united in one individual, render it impossible that the financial service thus imposed can be performed in this office, as now constituted. Councils cannot be more reluctant than I am to create any new office; but it is apparent, that either an officer must be authorized to perform the duty thus required, or that duty must be left unperformed.

The multiplication of unnecessary duties and unnecessary officers is one of the most offensive of the many modes of taxing the people. In the construction of the present government, where so much was to be done, it is not extraordinary that some portion of the duty was, in the pressure of many subjects, imperfectly performed. In the hurry of the earlier action of the Councils, the property of the City was confided to the care of an unnecessary number of departments. It is difficult to imagine why there should be more than one department for the control of all the property of the City. There is no labor, no difficulty, and no responsibility which it is necessary to divide, and yet Councils have made a depart-

ment of city property, one of wharves and landings, and one of markets—three branches of government for the management of the most unembarrassed branch of the public duties. This multiplication of departments induces a multiplication of offices and officers, of salaries and expenses, and I, therefore, respectfully suggest that it would be in every point of view desirable that those departments be consolidated into one.

The duties of a municipal government, in charge of a great commercial metropolis, are so multiplied and momentous, and so involved with colliding and various interests and issues, that a large debt of gratitude is due from the people to those of their distinguished fellow-citizens who consent to devote, in the public council, their time and energies to the service of the community. This task assumes a more than ordinary severity from the peculiar financial interests and duties of the City at the present time, and while I am constrained, from the absence of the necessary official information, to suspend comment upon that, the over-ruling public consideration, I may remark that the obligation imposed upon Councils demand, in regard to that subject, the most earnest attention. Meanwhile, I may be permitted to add, that a full examination of the fiscal affairs of the City will exhibit no unsatisfactory result, and that there cannot be a doubt that the resources of the government, ample, and, in fact, unembarrassed, are such as to render the duty of Councils facile to themselves and satisfactory to the public.

R. T. CONRAD, *Mayor*.

Mayor's Office, May 16, 1855.

APPENDIX NO. 4.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER.

CITY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, May 24, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully submit for your information, as the guardians of the public interests, a full and correct statement of the finances of the City. This information was

solicited by the Chief Magistrate, but the brief space of time allowed by him, rendered it impossible for me to furnish it, in order that it might be embraced in his annual message. I received his communication dated May 1st, on the 5th; his message was submitted to your honorable body, May 17th, allowing me (in connection with the other duties of my office) twelve days to report the financial condition of the City, which, in the language of the message, "is a subject which most engages the public attention, most involves the public interests, and which, from its intimate connection with every branch of the public service, should be the principal subject of the annual communication from the Executive to the Legislature of the City—but I have to regret that the Comptroller has failed to respond to the official call made upon him."

You can plainly see, gentlemen, if my report was of so much importance, (which cannot be denied,) twelve days was not sufficient notice, when there were other duties of every day occurrence which occupied all my time? As to the official call made by the Chief Magistrate on me for such reports, I cannot acknowledge; while I take pleasure in furnishing him with all the information he may desire, and at whatever time he may require it, yet I know of no statute law or ordinance that places my department in any degree under his control, or that calls upon me to furnish the Chief Magistrate with any information in preference to Councils, committees of Councils, or any private citizens; and yet I am charged with delay, and you are called upon not to permit any delays in regard to the pressing duties connected with this department. In order, therefore, that this charge may rest where it belongs, I publicly invite members of Councils, and my fellow citizens, to call and investigate the business of my office; and if this is true, I am willing to bear all censure that you, in your judgment, may place upon me. I believe I have conformed with the spirit and letter of the Act of February 2, 1854, known as the Act of Consolidation. I submitted to Councils, and published in seven daily newspapers, during the month of January, the public accounts of the City, the trusts in their care, all the receipts and expenditures, the sources from which the revenues and funds were derived, and the manner the same were disbursed; and by reference to the journal, page 93, you will find that I intended to publish the same in book form, giving more particularly the condition of all the

departments, showing the great amount of expenses above the former administrations, the planned imposition practiced upon the City, and, at the same time, lay before Councils, (what has been made plain to me by my experience in the office,) a system that would protect the treasury from those who were anxious and ready to take the advantage, and place our City in a position that would be creditable to her citizens, and the wonder and admiration of our sister cities. But to do this, I needed an appropriation of \$500; my application was rejected, the work ceased, and only in private conversation have I had an opportunity to make it known. Yea, I went personally to members of both branches, and urged this measure, in order that the duties I had sworn to fulfill might be performed to the very letter; as far as this imposition could be checked, I endeavored to do it. Bills have been presented, warrants drawn, and, knowing that the individual was in no way entitled to the amount, I refused to countersign. In nearly all these cases the City has been sued, and judgment obtained, in some cases by default, and others by neglect of the heads of the departments, but still I am not discouraged, and will, during my term, as far as in my power, protect your treasury from impositions.

I have been furnished by the Finance Committee with a copy of a resolution, requesting me not to approve any warrant drawn upon the City Treasurer, until I have been notified by them, that the Treasurer has the funds in hand to pay. I am ready, gentlemen, to unite with you in any measure to restore the credit of our City, but with this resolution I cannot comply. If a warrant is drawn by the head of any department, and the bill correct, there is no law that will justify me in refusing my signature. Permit me to suggest, that you will so instruct the heads of departments, that they draw no warrants; then "the axe is laid at the root of the tree," and the responsibility placed where it properly belongs. And I wish it to be perfectly understood, that I will hereafter sign all warrants that are presented and correct, and, by so doing, my duty will be performed and my fellow citizens will not reflect upon me.

FINANCES.

The ordinance prescribing the duties of the Comptroller makes it obligatory upon me to communicate to Councils on or before the third day of February, in each year, a detailed estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year. But I was relieved of this duty by the Finance Committee, who ascertained from the various heads of departments the amount that would be necessary to meet their expenses, and the receipts to be paid in the treasury. They reported that the whole amount that would be required for all the departments would be \$4,350,324; receipts from all sources, including taxes at \$4,352,260. If you will refer to the estimate, you will find that the committee made no provision for the debts of the old corporations, sinking fund, overpaid taxes, &c., and for which they passed appropriations amounting to \$685,000; and, while they estimate the receipts in this year of the whole amount of the duplicate of taxes to be \$2,023,000, it will come short of that amount at least \$500,000 by deductions for interest, allowances and inability to pay, making an error against their estimate of \$1,185,000.

I have carefully prepared a schedule showing the amount of appropriations to be \$5,284,057 93. Paid on said appropriations \$2,262,219 36, leaving \$3,021,838 57 yet to be paid, and all the estimates that can be ascertained of receipts from every source to meet the balance will be \$2,051,106 98, showing a deficiency of \$970,731 59.

From the accompanying document, you have the whole financial condition of the city; and, permit me, in conclusion, to call your attention to the Police Department. We have received from Police Magistrates, for fines and penalties, captured animals, and all such, during the present year, the small sum of \$451 63, when there should be at least \$10,000 paid into the treasury. If no other department will take the responsibility, place it here and it shall be attended to, and every dollar that has been collected for this purpose shall find its way into its proper channel. Hoping that I may have your sympathies, and pledging my hearty co-operation with you in any measure to promote the interests of our City,

I subscribe myself, yours, &c.,

JNO. N. HENDERSON, *City Comptroller.*

MADE UP TO MAY 21st, 1855.

Departments.	Appropriated.	Paid.	Estim'd receipts for 1855.	Paid in.
Highways, &c. including rail-roads, - - - - -	\$871,686 99	\$313 864 71	\$148,000 00	\$8,346 37
Water, - - - - -	216,753 80	76,178 51	457,000 00	259,788 88
Law, - - - - -	17,420 00	7,353 71	80 000 00	43,041 15
Wharves, - - - - -	4 950 00	711 55	69,405 00	26,360 00
Markets, - - - - -	11,716 68	5,147 34	68,525 50	56 920 00
City Property, - - -	79,431 31	35,366 00	37,164 00	12,196 00
City Commissioners, -	184,291 38	105,455 79	5,000 00	1,930 03
Gas, - - - - -	149,694 79	127,888 26	70,000 00	29,752 62
Police, - - - - -	560,586 57	178,913 61	150 00	—
City Comptroller, - -	14,110 00	8,193 59	—	—
City Treasurer, - - -	18,050 00	7 565 92	—	—
Tax Receiver, - - - -	18,361 08	9,125 40	—	—
Poor, - - - - -	224,474 13	153,959 02	30,000 00	9,525 07
Health, - - - - -	39,943 87	14,751 32	30,000 00	8,041 51
Schools, - - - - -	592,142 04	238,805 21	31,000 00	30,658 81
Prisons, - - - - -	70,871 00	26,891 36	—	—
Clerks of Councils, - -	30,000 00	18,291 00	—	—
Ice Boat, - - - - -	7,500 00	6,236 48	6,411 98	6,411 98
Interest, - - - - -	935,908 10	437,248 63	500,000 00	137,171 25
Redeemed Loans, - - -	260,228 00	143,800 00	—	—
Sinking Fund, - - - -	100,000 00	45,417 83	—	—
Northern Home, - - - -	4,500 00	—	—	—
Taxes, '54, - - - - -	—	—	500 000 00	377,604 73
Taxes, '55, - - - - -	—	—	1,500,000 00	670,806 90
Taxes prior to Consolidation of County and School, -	—	—	200,000 00	63,365 57
Registered Taxes, - - -	—	—	35,000 00	3,127 00
House of Refuge, - - -	13,000 00	7,046 00	—	—
Brown's Property, - - -	79,500 00	—	—	—
Overpaid Taxes, - - - -	5,000 00	1,837 45	—	—
Vaccine Physicians, - -	1,000 00	834 17	—	—
Medals to Captains, - -	918 03	—	—	—
Fines and Penalties, - -	—	—	5,000 00	451 63
Old Corporations, - - -	337,020 16	201,306 38	30,000 00	5,750 00
Temporary Loans, - - -	375,000 00	—	—	—
Total—Appropriated, - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	\$5,284 057 93
Paid, - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	2,262 219 36
Estimated receipts for '55, - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	3 802,656 48
Paid in, - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	1,751 549 50
Making a deficiency of - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	970,731 59

APPENDIX No. 5.

AN ORDINANCE

To prevent the washing of foot pavements within certain hours.

Be it ordained by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, That no person shall wash or cause to be washed, any footway or pavement in front or alongside of any house, store, shop, stable or tenement of any kind, or in front or alongside of any church or other public building whatsoever, within the paved limits of the City, between the hours of 8 o'clock, A. M., and 9 o'clock, P. M., from the first day of April to the first day of October; and between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., and 9 o'clock, P. M., from the first day of October to the first day of April, in any year, under a penalty of two dollars for each and every offence; to be recovered as penalties for breaches of ordinances are now by law recoverable.

APPENDIX NO 6.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, approved October 3, 1854, organizing the department for supplying the City with water.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the provisions of this act shall be in full force and effect on all officers in this department as soon as the present term of officers shall expire.

SECT. 2. There shall be three Permit Clerks: one to grant permits for the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards; the Register or his clerk shall grant permits for the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twenty-fourth Wards; and one clerk to grant permits for the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards; and one clerk to grant permits for the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Permit Clerks to attend to their respective offices, issue all permits, under the supervision of the Register, and make return weekly to him of all

permits issued and money received; they shall keep in a book to be provided for that purpose, an account for all materials received at their respective offices under the directions of the Chief Engineer, and attend to such duties as the Chief Engineer and Register may direct.

SECT. 4. The clerks, except in the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twenty-fourth Wards, shall examine all premises where water is introduced, and return to the Register, as often as may be necessary, an account of all connections and openings on the premises, and their use; such as the number of hydrants, baths, water closets, fountains, and the rate of charge as fixed by the Councils or their committee; to examine and report cases of fraudulent use of water and abuse of permits, and other duties in their district that may be assigned to them by the Chief Engineer and Register.

SECT. 5. The Supervisors of each Ward shall, in addition to the duties performed on highways, attend to the laying of new pipes as well as the repair of pipes, fire plugs, and other fixtures that may require it; to attend to the drilling of the pipes for making attachments, shutting off the pipes for repairs on account of leaks, and shut off the water, and cut off such pipes as may be directed on premises on which the water-rent has not been paid; to keep an account of all new pipe laid and repairs made, and all materials used for the same under his charge, and report the same to the Chief Engineer as often as may be required by him.

SECT. 6. The Supervisors of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twenty-fourth Wards shall examine all premises where water is introduced, and return to the Register, as often as may be necessary, an account of all connections and openings on the premises and their uses; such as the number of hydrants, baths, water closets, fountains, and the rate of charge as fixed by the Councils or their committee; to examine and report cases of fraudulent use of water and abuse of permits, and other duties in their district that may be assigned to them by the Chief Engineer and Register.

SECT. 7. The annual salaries of the officers in this department shall be as follows, payable monthly:

Chief Engineer, two thousand dollars per annum; Register, fifteen hundred dollars; Enginemen and Engineers, eight hundred dollars each; Watchman, at reservoir, five hundred

dollars; General Clerk, eight hundred dollars; Permit Clerks, seven hundred dollars; Messenger, five hundred dollars.

SECT. 8. That so much of any ordinance conflicting with this, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 7.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the issue of Certificates of Debt in payment of Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, to issue and deliver, in payment of road damages assessed and to be assessed, and in the payment of the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, as agreed upon in a certain contract between the city of Philadelphia and John H. Purdy, William J. Philips and Charles Robinson, executed the fifth day of May, 1855, Certificates of Debt of this Corporation, for such amounts, at such times and to such parties, as Councils shall hereafter direct: *Provided* the whole amount of such certificates shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The said certificates shall be in such form as is prescribed in existing ordinances, but shall contain no fractional part of one hundred dollars, and shall be transferable as other certificates of city debt; they shall bear a rate of interest of six per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July; and the principal thereof shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from their respective dates, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof.

SECT. 3. Whenever any of the said certificates shall be issued and delivered as aforesaid, there shall be, by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates, and from the sums raised by taxation, a sum sufficient in amount to pay the interest on said certificates; and the further sum of one-fourth of one per centum, on the par value of such certificates so issued and delivered, shall be

appropriated quarterly out of the said income and taxes, to be a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged for the redemption and payment of said certificates.

APPENDIX No. 8.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of the City be and he is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the Corporation, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, such sums as the Trustees of the Gas Works shall require, not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred thousand dollars; and all sums so borrowed by authority hereof shall be and are hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the Gas Works, who shall apply the same to the enlargement and extension of the pipes and fixtures of and to the carrying on the Gas Works in their charge, to the manufacture and distribution of Gas, and for the payment of debts heretofore contracted for the construction of the said works and their apparatus and fixtures.

SECT. 2. The certificates for said loan shall be of the following form and description, namely:—

“Certificate No. Six per cent. Loan of the City of Philadelphia, for the use of the Trustees of the Gas Works, issued under authority of an ordinance of the City of Philadelphia, approved entitled ‘An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.’

“This certifies, that there is due to by the City of Philadelphia, dollars, with interest, at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, on the first day of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer, in the City of Philadelphia; the principal to be

paid at the said office on the first day of July, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and not before, without the consent of the owner thereof.

“In witness whereof, the Treasurer of the said City has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the City of Philadelphia to be affixed, the day of A. D. 1855, and the Comptroller has attested the same on the said day and year.”

The said certificate shall not contain any fractional parts of one hundred dollars, and shall be transferable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SECT. 3. If the said Trustees direct, the City Treasurer shall issue such certificates, in such amounts and to such persons as they shall specify, without requiring the payment of any money therefor. But such Trustees shall not make such direction, except such certificates are received in payment of obligations incurred by them.

SECT. 4. The said Trustees shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December and the thirtieth day of June, in every year, until the said loan is paid, retain out of their receipts for the sale of gas and other products of the said Gas Works, the sum of four per centum on the amount of said loan, for which the certificates may have been issued; of which they shall pay three per centum to the City Treasurer, who shall apply the same to the payment of the interest on the said loan as the same may fall due, and to no other purpose whatever, and the remaining one per cent. the said Trustees shall place to the credit of and invest in a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged to the repayment of the said loan.

APPENDIX No. 9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS RELATIVE TO CLEANSING STREETS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 10th, 1855.

THOS. BIRCH, ESQ., *Chief Commissioner of Highways*:

DEAR SIR—Yours of April 25th, was duly received and contents noted. The delay in not attending to you in due

time, was from the fact that our engagements in New York required at the time of its receipt all our attention. Hoping this will be sufficient excuse for our apparent want of promptness in answering your communication, we will now reply and submit our proposals for the following named Wards, which, from their location, we would prefer, unless the City would contract with us for the whole of the City north of Vine street, in which case the estimate for one will apply to all.

We hereby propose to clean and keep clean, all the paved streets whether public or private, also to remove daily, all kitchen offal and coal ashes, clean the market houses twice in each week, with the sewers, inlets and gutters within the following wards in the City of Philadelphia, viz: 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, according to an outline of a form of contract submitted to this company by Thos. Birch Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways for the aforesaid City, on the 24th of April, 1855, for the sum of six thousand dollars per annum for each Ward; or, if satisfactory to the department, we will contract to clean and keep clean, the streets, &c., as before mentioned, for the same amount that the City has been paying for the same work during the year ending 1st of June, 1855.

Allow us here to remind your department, that although basing our terms upon the specifications submitted to us by yours of the 25th of April, we propose and are prepared to give bonds to the same effect, to keep the streets, &c., clean, by sweeping or otherwise cleansing them, once, twice or as often as the case may require weekly. This alone is an important fact and is a consideration to which we respectfully call your particular attention.

We are prepared to proceed to work immediately.

Yours very respectfully,

SMITH, SECKEL & Co.

APPENDIX No. 10.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance approved May 3d, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expense thereof."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That whenever the owner or owners of property on any street laid out and opened for public use, and on which the water pipes are laid, are willing to pave the same at their own expense, without requiring an advance of the cost thereof from the City, the Chief Commissioner of Highways may authorize the same: *Provided*, such paving shall be done under the supervision and control of the department of highways, bridges, sewers and cleansing the city: and provided, that no such permission be given for the paving of less than one square of street.

APPENDIX No. 11.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. A. Shawk, the owner of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," beg leave to offer the following report:

That they witnessed a trial of the Steam Fire Engine, in the yard of the County Prison, on Wednesday, May 23d, and although the supply of water was not adequate to its necessary capacity, yet its performance was satisfactory to your committee; showing that the engine had great capacity for throwing a large amount of water and a constant stream through an inch nozzle to the distance of 172 feet.

Another trial was made, at Tenth and Arch Streets, on Friday, June 1st, and although there was a heavy shower of rain during the whole time of the trial, yet the result was again satisfactory. The torch was applied at 25 minutes of 4 o'clock, P. M., and within 3 minutes steam was generated, and in 6 minutes the steam gauge showed a pressure of 5 pounds steam

to the inch in the boilers; in 8 minutes the pressure of steam was 15 pounds to the inch; and within 15 minutes from the time fire was applied, the pressure of steam in the boiler was 60 pounds to the inch, and at which time the engine had made 300 strokes of the pump, and had thrown out 1,350 gallons of water, through an inch nozzle, to a distance of at least 120 feet from the end of the nozzle, and the engine was making 86 strokes of the pump per minute. The engine has the capacity of discharging the full amount of 500 gallons of water per minute, or 30,000 gallons per hour, through a $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch nozzle, to a distance of 175 feet from the end of the nozzle, and maintain a constant stream of that capacity, which is equal to at least seven of our first class engines, when operated by hand.

The third trial was on Monday last, at the foot of Dock Street, on the river Delaware. At this trial the engine supplied itself by suction from the river, and forced water through hose to various distances, as follows:

With hose 10 feet long, through a $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch nozzle, to the distance of 170 feet from the end of the nozzle; through hose 325 feet long, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch nozzle, it threw the water 157 feet distant from the end of the nozzle; through 687 feet of hose, 1 inch nozzle, it threw the water 74 feet distant; and through 925 feet of hose, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch nozzle, it threw the water to a distance of 66 feet. At the above trial the steam was generated in a much less time than it was at either of the former trials.

From all the committee have witnessed in connection with the subject of Steam Fire Engines, your committee have come to the conclusion that the adoption of Steam Fire Engines in large cities, would be wise, and in cases of large fires, such as have occurred in our city within a few years past, and more especially on the river front, would prove invaluable and a great auxiliary to our now efficient Fire Department.

Yours,

WM. M. PARHAM, *chairman*,

O. H. P. PARKER,

W. S. WINSHIP,

JNO. WELSH,

JOHN McWHORTER,

NATHAN HILLES,

J. W. MILLER.

APPENDIX No. 12.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Loan to pay the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the Capital Stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of the city be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow, on the credit of the City Corporation, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, the sum of five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th instalments on the subscription made by the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, to fifteen thousand shares in the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company; and the said sum, when borrowed as aforesaid, is hereby appropriated for that purpose: *Provided*, the said money shall not be borrowed at a less rate than par.

SECT. 2. If the Directors of the said Railroad Company consent, the City Treasurer shall deliver to them Certificates of City Debt, for the amount before mentioned, in payment of the said instalments: *Provided*, that the same be received and computed at the par value thereof.

SECT. 3. The loan so to be made, and the certificates issued shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the said certificates, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof; the said certificates shall be in such sums as the lenders or the said company may require, but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars; the interest thereon shall be payable half yearly, on the first day of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The said certificates shall be of the form and description set forth in an ordinance approved August 7th, 1854, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of the Debt of the City of Philadelphia," and the City Treasurer shall mark thereon the day when the principal sum mentioned therein is payable. And the said certificates shall be transferable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SECT. 4. Whenever the said sum shall be borrowed or the

certificates issued, there shall be, by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporation estates, and from the sum raised by taxation, a sum sufficient in amount to pay the interest on said loans; and the further sum of one-fourth of one per centum on the par value of the loan created and issued by virtue hereof, shall be appropriated quarterly out of the said income and taxes, to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged to the repayment of the said loan.

SECT. 5. Warrants for the payments of the appropriations hereby made, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, in the form and with the requisites prescribed in existing ordinances for the issuing of warrants for the payment of money by the City Treasurer: *Provided*, no such warrant shall be issued for the payment of any such instalment, until Councils shall by resolution authorize and direct the same to be done.

APPENDIX No. 13.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

Presented June 14, 1855.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred so much of the message of the Mayor as relates to the Police of the City, its organization and necessity, report:

That they have given to the subject the careful consideration its great importance demands, and now present the result of their examination.

The object and end of every enlightened system of criminal jurisprudence is to prevent crimes; and this, whether it seeks to reform the offender, to deprive him of the power to do future mischief, or to deter others by the example of his punishment. But wise and proper as may be its provisions, and the adaptation of perfect measures to these ends, its highest honor and its greatest wisdom consist in the *means* of *preventing* the commission of misdemeanors and crimes. And it has been well said "that preventive justice is, upon every principle of reason, of humanity and of sound policy, preferable to punishing justice." Preventive justice guards against the influence of temptation, and preserves the individual exposed to it from

becoming an offender, and adding to the hordes of criminals who infest and prey upon society. It is humane in protecting the innocent and helpless from lawless violence and depredation. Its sound policy, marked in other respects, is evinced in lessening the heavy expenses of prisons, penitentiaries and criminal courts with which actual crimes and criminals burden every civilized community—as it costs less ordinarily to prevent than to detect and punish offences.

The statistics, so carefully prepared, and so effectively used by the friends of temperance, to demonstrate the economy of a wise system, to protect the community from the causes and vice of intemperance, furnish on this subject an argument which cannot be confuted.

In every part of our country the safe-guards of the citizen for his civil and religious rights, his personal liberty, personal security and private property, are a subject of great interest; but this is pre-eminently so in a large commercial city, where this subject is one not only of great difficulty, but of deep and pervading interest. Not that it concerns each individual citizen in the town more than in the country, but in the former the aggregate of the rights to be protected, and the interests to be guarded are of such vast magnitude, and the perils and dangers to which they are constantly exposed are immeasurably greater.

The social structure of a great city—its varied and innumerable pursuits, the contests and the conflicts of interest which these engender, the pleasures and temptations which abound in it, the vast accumulations of property which are concentrated there, inviting, on the one hand, honest industry and active enterprise, calling forth the highest grades of social virtue, and the noblest instances of disinterested benevolence, on the other hand, carry with them the evils of excited and dangerous passions, leading to the higher grades of crime, to acts of violence, disturbing the public peace, and to vice in every form which preys upon the community and depredates upon the property of the citizens.

It is true, also, that our American cities have within them another and a dangerous source and element of pauperism and crime, in the large masses of emigrants from foreign lands, who mingle with, and constitute so considerable a proportion of their inhabitants. These foreigners are very frequently marked by the prejudices, the ignorance and the vices which

are the natural result of the social habits, institutions, and governments under which they have been born and lived. These differ so entirely from our own, that it is not surprising that they have so much difficulty in learning to comprehend the nature of our free institutions. They not unfrequently bring with them the hereditary and implacable feuds, the national hatreds, which, in their own countries, divide nations,—and separate communities into embittered factions. Brought here into contact, confronting each other, and with the dangerous idea impressed upon them, that the liberty of rational freedom imposes no restraint upon passions which sway large masses of men, and but little on individuals, they not unfrequently seem to consider that the dignity of the elective franchise is valuable, as much for the supposed privilege which it confers of indulging in these passions, as for any other reason. Hence the fearful outbreaks which, in various parts of our country, on public occasions, have so frequently disturbed its peace, and trampled down the rights of its citizens. Hence the known necessity which has frequently occurred, when large masses of these foreigners assemble to celebrate national festivals or rites, of employing a police force to guard the community against such outbreaks. Hence the collisions between foreign factions, brought into contact here, which have so often disturbed and endangered the public peace.

Besides, the aggressive policy of the governments of the old world, differing wholly from our own, and not unwilling to see our institutions tarnished, if not undermined, pours upon our shores paupers and criminals.

The statistics of emigration press this subject upon us as one of increasing and vital importance.

Up to the year 1840, but one million of emigrants had arrived in our country. Since that time, the number of these strangers to our laws and constitutions of government—State and National—who are brought annually to our shores, has swollen to from four to five hundred thousand.

The largest portion of the positively vicious of the vast multitude—the paupers and criminals—remain to infest and burden our large cities.

The consideration of the subject requires a careful attention of the extent, variety and magnitude of the dangers to which our citizens are exposed, and which render necessary our

institutions of "punishing justice and preventive justice"—to punish crimes and prevent their commission.

We know that these institutions are a necessity of our social condition; and we know also, that to maintain them requires the expenditure of large sums of money. They are the heaviest burdens which a civilized community, and more especially a great commercial city, is called upon to bear; but the necessity is imperative, as without these no man would be safe, or protected, in the enjoyment of his property and rights.

We cannot measure with accuracy the extent, variety and magnitude of these dangers, which have fastened this necessity upon us, but we can arrive at some idea of the formidable perils to which, by day and by night, the community is exposed, by referring to the statistics of crime furnished by our prisons and committing magistrates; and these also will disclose the magnitude of the evil which the foreign element of our population has added to these perils.

A published table of commitments to the Philadelphia County Prison for various crimes, from the first of June, 1854, to the first of May, 1855, shows the number to have been *seven thousand five hundred and sixty-three*; of which there were for murder *forty-three*; for assault to commit murder *nineteen*; for offences against the public peace, including riots and assaults and batteries, &c., &c., *three thousand five hundred and forty-nine*; for offences against private property, including arson, burglary, larceny, &c., &c., *one thousand and nineteen*. We are also informed by the Mayor, that during a part of the same period, seven months, ending on the 30th April, 1855, the police force made *sixteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-two arrests*. Of these there were for disorderly conduct, riot, assault and battery, &c., &c., offences affecting the public peace, *nine thousand seven hundred and ninety-four*. For arson, highway robbery, burglary, larceny or offences affecting private property, *one thousand and fifty-one*.

During a corresponding period the inmates of our almshouse have numbered from nineteen hundred to twenty-three hundred.

By this great index to the pauperism and crime in our midst, from which our community is to be protected and guarded, it is also shown that the proportion of native-born citizens to

those of foreign birth, is as one of the former to three or four of the latter. Of the arrests by the police force in seven months, *five thousand four hundred and ten* are Americans, *eight hundred and eighty-six* blacks, and *ten thousand four hundred and seventy-six* persons born in foreign countries.

In view of the whole subject, and considering the evidence submitted, these propositions are fairly established :

1st. That the incentives and temptations to crime, affecting the peace and good order of society and striking at the personal liberty, personal security and private property of every citizen are always very great, and always have existed, and always will exist in a large city.

2d. That the large and increasing proportion of foreigners in our American cities has greatly added to and aggravated these evils.

A just consideration of the subject, in view of the magnitude of the interests concerned, and a wise economy in the administration of this important branch of the government, also requires a careful consideration of the extent and value of the rights and interests to be affected and guarded. It concerns the welfare of not less than five hundred thousand people, whose domestic comfort, whose peace and security are involved in the question. It affects their real estate—it affects their personal estate, and affects these, not only in their enjoyment, but also in their value. Of the former—real estate—the assessments show, and we know that these are habitually below the actual value, that our fellow citizens are the proprietors of *one hundred and fifty millions of dollars*. Of personal estate in household furniture, in goods, wares and merchandise, in moneys and stocks, railroads and canals, in all the various kinds and shapes in which in a great commercial city like ours, the vast personal property of our citizens is invested, it is not possible to make any very accurate estimate ; but it is safe to assume that this personal estate, subject to the ebbs and flows of commerce as it is, is still worth not less than *one thousand millions of dollars*. How, then, is our city to be affected in its people and its property by the subject under consideration, and the results which we may reach ? We know that the frontier of a powerful country, exposed to the incursions of an invading enemy, is thinly populated, and the inhabitants are poor, and that portions of the earth, blessed with a fruitful soil and genial climate, where the government

fails either from weakness or indifference to protect the people from plunder and outrage, have been almost depopulated, and poverty and wretchedness prevail. Take from our people the *sense* of security, the *fact* of security for themselves, and the enjoyment of their property, and how many would fly to other cities where the people are better guarded; or to the country, there to escape from becoming the prey of the depredators upon the community found in large cities. How, also is the great mass of property—real and personal—to be affected? Remove the safeguards for its enjoyment, and you strike at its value. Real estate is fixed, it cannot be removed; but its value lessens in proportion to the want of security for its enjoyment. For this we have the lesson of personal experience. Consolidation and the establishment of its protecting institutions, have been followed by a very large and remarkable advance in the value of real estate in localities which, before consolidation, were not well protected. The personal estate—the vast assets of commerce—is still more sensitive to the influence of these protecting institutions. The prosperity of commerce essentially depends on security and peace. Many a silent and deserted mart—once instinct with life and swollen by commercial prosperity—attests this truth. Fail properly to guard and protect a great commercial city from the ever present and internal enemies of municipal peace, and you drive commerce to other cities more wisely governed. The foot of the stranger will shun your gates, and resort where security and safety are assured to the sojourner as well as to the citizen.

Of all the institutions for the protection of society in a commercial city, the argument prepares us to say that the best and most essential is an adequate and well ordered police. Its organization, its efficiency, the proper number of men to be employed in proportion to population and circumstances, is then a momentous question; and in modern times especially, has engaged the earnest consideration of the most eminent men and the most benevolent philanthropists.

The best tests for the questions involved in the subject must be sought for, in our own experience and in that of others; no mere theory on a question of such magnitude should be received as satisfactory; and yet it may be well, by a glance, to consider *how* the force of preventive justice, in the hands of a well ordered police, composed of proper men,

secures protection to the community. By the immediate detection of crimes, and the arrest of criminals and their speedy punishment, the terror of the law is made to restrain from the commission of crime, or to expel dangerous offenders. In the vast population of a great city, practiced depredators are concealed from ordinary observation. But to a sufficiently numerous police, well distributed, whose duty it is to watch, and who are vigilant, the population, the peculiarities, the social position and connection of almost every individual become known. Thus it is that the refuge which criminals would otherwise find in the multitude of the people, is exposed. The eye of justice is fastened upon the suspicious. The hand of the offender is restrained, and he is either detected, compelled to abandon his vicious pursuits, or to seek refuge elsewhere.

But the police, well ordered and effective, is most important in the exercise of that vigilance in preventing crime, which detects and quells the violence of the lawless. In short, to this institution, above all others, is the citizen indebted for his peace and security by night and by day; in his dwelling and in his counting house; in the street, and in every department of business—in his social comforts, and his domestic happiness and security.

A very slight consideration of the subject will establish the truth, that the greater the reigning tranquility, the more complete the security of the citizen—the more perfect must be the police. A superficial reasoner would naturally fall into the error of inferring that this tranquility furnishes evidences that the police force which has produced it might well be dispensed with in whole or in part—a conclusion in every way unreasonable, unless it can be established that the causes, incentives and temptations to crime have been so suppressed, and vice so effectually extirpated, that society no longer requires either preventive or punishing justice, or, at all events, not in the same degree.

On the other hand, it must be conceded, that it would not be fair to reason that because tranquility reigns, it follows as a necessary consequence that the force employed to secure it may not be greater than required.

But this is certainly true, that if there be doubt on this question, no wise and prudent man, in the face of the vast interests concerned, and the momentous consequences involved,

would venture on an uncertain experiment of reducing the force to a point at which it might be proved by painful disasters to person and to property, that it was inadequate. Prudence, too, would seem to require that it should not be forgotten, in proposing such an experiment, that the community might be called upon to pay, under existing laws, for damages to property occasioned by mob violence. We are brought then to the question—*Can the present police force of the City of Philadelphia, with a wise regard to the adequate efficiency of this arm of the public service, be reduced?*

Besides the general reasoning, already submitted, the closer and better view of the subject unquestionably requires us to look,

1st. At our own condition and experience.

2d. The condition of other cities and their experience.

Our condition in this respect is now eminently satisfactory. We can truly say that the reign of law and order is established and maintained among us. Our religious rights, our social rights, are secured and protected. The Sabbath day is remembered, and our people are permitted to keep it holy. Violence and outrage, once so familiar to our streets, are almost unknown; and we can, with justice and proud satisfaction, compare the condition of our city with that of any other city of the Union. We can say to our commercial customers—to those who are attracted here for business or pleasure—that they will find among us, in our police, more perfect security than can be found in any other city; and that they may frequent in safety any part of our metropolis. And we cheerfully concur in the tribute justly paid by the Mayor to the “organization, action and results of the police department,” and to its “officers” as “gentlemen selected for their high character,” and “worthy, from their intelligence and integrity, of the trust reposed in them.”

It is not designed, however, by a concurrence in this commendation, to express the opinion that so much has been done that there is not room for still greater improvement. On the contrary, from a body of men so worthy and intelligent there is just ground to expect that, with increased experience, they will continue to improve in the faithful execution of the laws, and in the discharge of the delicate and responsible duties committed to them, until our police shall be a model for all similar institutions in this country.

But, heartily as we concur in this testimony of the Mayor to the vigilance, energy and fidelity of our police, and willing as we are to ascribe the results which have transformed the aspect of our city to its present happy condition to them, we cannot affirm that vice and the incentives to vice and crime have been *extirpated*; on the contrary, the evidence proves beyond a question that the elements of crime still exist in our midst. They are held in check—not extirpated. The proof is at hand. Excellent as is our police—perfect as is our general tranquility, still, as we have seen, within the seven months preceding the 30th of April last, the police force have made 16,772 arrests, and these for every offence known in the dark catalogue of crime.

It is thus seen that although we have been enabled by the efficiency of the police to hold crime in check, vice has not been extirpated. Its elements still exist, and adequate control is essential.

What was the condition of our city and districts before consolidation. It is truly said by the Mayor that our streets were terrified with nightly riots, and witnessed in more than one instance, midday assassinations; and disregard and defiance of law were so open, frequent and flagrant, as to demand the adoption of a more efficient police system. Lawless bands, rejoicing in strange names, hardly concealing their shame and profligacy—"Killers," "Bouncers," "Stingers," "Schuylkill Rangers"—infested our city, and were as openly known, and quite as daring in their outrages, as the organized banditti, which in portions of the world where the people are not protected by a sufficient government, carry outrage, violence and crime in their path, and fill with consternation the dwellings of the wretched and sparse population which from necessity inhabit the land.

And it is true, that incendiarism, street conflicts and crimes of all kinds were rather the rule than the exception in our unfortunate condition.

What then was the government of Philadelphia? What its police—so powerless at that time to protect and secure the community against violence, outrage, and crime? The entire police force of the city and districts before consolidation numbered *six hundred and sixty-eight* men; and, as far as means are at hand to ascertain it, the annual cost of that force was three hundred and fifteen thousand three hundred and fifteen

dollars. This cost does not embrace a considerable amount of incidental expenses, as to which there are no means of ascertaining their correct amount.

That the force then existing was inadequate in its numbers and organization is shown by the state of affairs which was supplanted by our present system.

It may then be affirmed as true, that six hundred and sixty-eight men were found to be, by *actual experience*, a number too small to protect the great interests, personal and pecuniary, which were committed to their guardianship; and it certainly is within the fresh recollection of every citizen, that "the primary object of the people in demanding consolidation, was to obtain such a government as would, by the sufficiency and unity of its police force, secure the most valuable purpose of all government—PROTECTION."

It was, therefore, the first duty of the government, established by the organic law, which consolidated the city and districts into one great city, to organize a vigorous police—one that should be effectual to correct the mischiefs which that law was intended to remedy.

The subject was carefully considered, and the result was that our present police system was adopted. Six hundred and sixty-eight men had been found insufficient, and the number was increased to nine hundred and sixteen, (which is the number allowed by law,) including the persons employed in the Office of Police. The number practically now in actual service is but eight hundred and ninety, and the actual cost of that force for the salaries and pay of the persons employed is four hundred and sixty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars—the increase being two hundred and forty-eight men employed at an increased cost of one hundred and fifty-four thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

If, then, our experience shows that six hundred and sixty-eight men are an inadequate force, and that nine hundred and sixteen are found to be adequate, how far can we venture to reduce the latter, without incurring the risk of bringing back the lawless violence, the insecurity to person and property, which prevailed before consolidation? Certainly this is a very grave question.

Shall we experiment, and by reducing the excess over the police force which existed before consolidation, try whether the difference which arises from the unity of that force, in it-

self would be sufficient, without the increase of number which was then added? It would be a dangerous experiment. For, while it may be true that *the unity of force* might add in some degree to its efficiency, it must be equally true that many localities would be reduced, in the number of persons employed to guard them, to a condition very much like that in which they were placed under the old system.

On this subject we have a striking fact. Of the 16,772 arrests which were made by the police within the last seven months, 1186 were made within what are called the "rural" districts of the city. And it is very apparent, that if any portion of the city be without adequate protection, that portion will become the refuge and harbor for the disorderly and vicious.

This must be well known to the inhabitants of that part of the city, whose gardens and farms before consolidation, were constantly subject to outrage and depredation, from which, since, they have been so effectually protected.

And it is also true, that if the police force was entirely withdrawn from any such locality, and in this way it should become a harbor and refuge for criminals and disorderly persons, it would become necessary, most probably, to increase the force employed in all other parts of the city to protect them from incursions of offenders having such places of refuge. And while this experiment would be one of extreme danger, the amount saved to the community—this great consolidated city—would be quite insignificant in comparison with the vast amount in value of the property to be affected by the change.

The entire charge upon the people—the five hundred thousand inhabitants of the city—for the maintenance of the police force which now effectually protects them and their property, is but four hundred and sixty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars.

The real and personal estate to be protected, exceeds in value one thousand million of dollars—less than one-fifth of one per cent. of annual charge is required to defray the annual expense; and the suggested reduction would save to the community not much more than one-fifth of this inconsiderable charge. Would the people of this city be satisfied to incur a risk in an experiment which, if not successful, which in all human probability it would not be, might reduce in a much

larger proportion the value of millions of dollars of property now secured to them, and which might bring back upon us the fearful scenes through which we have so recently passed.

The argument was well put in the petition which was presented to Councils for the establishment of this police:

“True economy dictates an adequate police. For while the reign of lawlessness is attended with sufferings to many, and disquietude to all, it inflicts heavy losses by incendiarism, which increase insurance and rent; losses by insecurity which discourage enterprise and trade, and frequent and heavy individual losses from burglaries, robberies, riots, &c.; and that the commission of offences which an efficient police could prevent, costs the city in the trial, conviction and support of the offenders apprehended,—(though their proportion is small to those who escape)—a larger sum than would, if expended in the prevention of crime, secure the tranquility of the city.”

Inconsiderate persons may be led into error by the present reigning tranquility. It has been already shown that this result is due to the *restraining* efficacy which holds the elements of disorder and crime in check, and not to the extirpation of lawless passions and dangerous vices. That the entire force of which our present police is composed, is required to secure this tranquility is evidenced by the fact, that on three several occasions since consolidation, it was necessary to put that *entire force on duty day and night* throughout the *whole* city, to prevent a threatened lawless commotion: and on thirty other occasions, serious apprehensions of riot required the entire force in particular districts to be kept on duty night and day.

The nature of the dangers to which our citizens have been exposed, and from which they have been protected by the police, will be understood, by referring to the fact, that rioters arrested by them were found to be armed with muskets, pistols, guns, slung shot, bowie knives, and other dangerous, weapons.

They have prevented prize fights, which have been planned, but which were detected by their vigilance, and the parties in every instance arrested on the ground. They have discovered, while patrolling their beats, more than fifty fires; and succeeded in extinguishing these, with the assistance of a few

persons in the neighborhood, when the alarm was given. They have recovered and restored to very many persons a large amount of stolen property.

Looking to these facts, it may be well and emphatically said, that it would be very unsafe to infer from the existing security and tranquility that we are no longer exposed to danger.

On the contrary, the danger is always imminent. Our true condition is that the present system has secured adequate safeguards.

A police force, to be effective, must be equal not only to the ordinary occasions and emergencies which may daily happen in the various localities of a great city, but it must also be sufficient for those emergencies which do occur, and from causes that are quite apparent—when the entire city is threatened with some great and dangerous commotion.

There have been three instances, as we have seen, within the past year, of such threatened outbreaks, when the whole force was kept on duty night and day.

No one can tell what would have been the frightful consequences, if the police had not been sufficient for these occasions; or how, had the protecting power failed to suppress these commotions, similar outbreaks would have been encouraged and multiplied.

From our own condition and experience, we come next to consider the condition and experience of other cities. And first, we look naturally to the city of New York, whose condition, population and circumstances are so nearly like our own.

The first aspect of the comparison between their condition and ours, presents for consideration the fact that our proximity, and rapid and easy means of communication with that city, makes her condition tell upon our own.

Professional and habitual offenders against the laws, who live by preying upon society, and who are attracted, for the reasons already given, to large cities, can with great readiness transfer the scene of their depredations, as may be most convenient for them, from the one city to the other. So that it may be said with truth, on this question, that there is a necessity imposed upon us to maintain a police force nearly, if not quite, equal to that of New York. For if our force be so much less than theirs, that here the practiced depredator can,

with greater security, follow his unlawful occupation, we shall be burdened by these depredators, driven here by the superior efficiency of her police system.

In this point of view the question assumes a high degree of importance. Although, in many respects, the prosperity of the two cities is promoted by the intimacy of the intercourse which subsists between them, yet in many others we are rivals for the great commerce of the country. Prosperous commerce depends upon tranquility and peace. If the safeguards for the protection of person and property are greater in New York than Philadelphia, she must obtain a very great advantage over us by her superiority in that respect; while it is also true, to a very great extent, that her dangers from disorder and violence are our dangers, and the force that is adequate for her protection must, in a great degree, be a just measure of that which we require. Our population, numerically, is nearly equal to hers; although the foreign element there is somewhat greater, it exists here in a very large ratio. In other respects there is a very natural and striking similarity. The number of houses to be guarded (a most important element to be considered) is much greater here than in New York. The number of our dwellings, at the last census, was 60,000, while in New York the number was but 37,500.

The area of territory to be guarded here, even excluding the rural districts, nearly doubles that of New York. The length of the alleys and streets to be patrolled and guarded by our police, is six hundred miles. It must be remembered, too, that for this great area of territory and this great length of alleys and streets we cannot compute the whole number of our policemen as at all times effective—human endurance could not bear such severe duty without regular periods of repose. The entire force cannot be always on duty. Practical experience has shown that not more than one-third can be ordinarily employed at the same time. The force is, therefore, arranged in three divisions of about two hundred and fifty men each, of which one is on duty during the day, and the other two in succession guard in the city by night.

Considering the extent of territory and streets to be traversed, watched, and guarded, the number of men ordinarily on active duty is, certainly, not considerable.

It may be added in this connection that, under the old sys-

tem, the number of policemen employed within what is called the city proper was greater by sixty one than the number now employed within the same limits. No one then complained that the police were too numerous; and perhaps the fact that the officers are now distinguished when on duty by badges which are known and observed, may have created the impression that they are more numerous, even within the limits of the old city now than then, although the fact, as we have seen, is otherwise.

The whole police force of the city of New York is eleven hundred and sixty-five men, maintained at a cost of eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars. The salaries paid there to the officers of the police are greater than those paid by us.

The conclusion drawn from this comparative view of the condition and experience of New York, is very decidedly against any reduction of the police force here. For if that city requires eleven hundred and sixty-five persons as a police force to guard and protect it, surely our police force, numbering but nine hundred and sixteen men, is not more than adequate.

And it is very remarkable that the Mayor of that city, on a recent occasion, has officially declared that instead of diminishing their force it should be augmented—and that to enforce the law of the State, passed recently, to suppress intemperance, the police force must be doubled. Our Chief Magistrate asks no increase, but he wisely presents for consideration, whether, in view of the enforcement of a much less stringent law, which is soon to come into activity among us, it would be prudent to lessen the means of executing the laws.

If we look abroad for the condition and experience of a great commercial city, we very naturally turn to the city of London, the police of which is admitted, on all hands, to be excellent and efficient in every respect. The population of that city, in 1851, was 2,250,000, and its police force in that year numbered six thousand men—maintained at a yearly charge of \$2,000,000. The foreign element in that city is quite considerable; and besides, the nature of the government of Great Britain, and the constant presence of a considerable body of the army, impose a degree of restraint there which does not exist here. The greater degree of freedom of thought, opinion and action, which is allowed to our people

—wise as it is—has, nevertheless, in it, elements which, in our larger cities, are often seized upon by designing persons, and made the occasion of dangerous commotions ; rendering the presence of a large and effective police force essential to the public peace and general welfare. The comparison here again leads to the same conclusion, that our police force is not greater than it should be.

It is also worthy of grave consideration, that the Mayor, whose position gives him opportunities of understanding this subject much greater than those of any other citizen,—who is well acquainted with, and has constantly in view the necessity of protection and the dangers to be guarded against, and who is brought into daily contact with this subject—who perfectly understands the organization and efficiency of our police, has expressed the opinion that “a careful examination of the facts will prove the impossibility of extending even the promise and pretence of protection to the entire city, with the present number of police to any considerable extent diminished ; and will demonstrate that such diminution will be in effect to return to the old system with all its feebleness, corruption and inutility.”

It would seem to be rashness, in the face of an opinion of an intelligent officer, so emphatically expressed, to hazard a reduction and a return to the evils which it was the principal purpose of consolidation to remove. That opinion alone is entitled to very great weight ; but when it is found to be supported by a powerful argument drawn from “a careful examination of the facts,” your committee cannot believe that it would be wise or prudent to disregard as well that opinion as the admonitions of experience ; and they, therefore, have come to the conclusion that, with a proper regard to the general welfare, the present police force of the city of Philadelphia cannot be diminished.

Regarding, as they do, the police department as a *primary necessity*, they do not suppose that they should stop to inquire into the financial aspect of this question. It is enough for them to know that the people, and the vast estates of the people require protection ; and they see in the resources of the city, that, with a wise administration, there are means to pay for it, which it would be very unwise to withhold. And they believe, also, not only that the citizens are able, but that they are willing to pay for that which is so essential to the pros-

perity of the city and the welfare of its inhabitants. However the people may desire economy in the administration of public affairs, but few would be found willing to barter for a doubtful economy in this department, the sense of security in their persons and dwellings, and the peace and tranquility—not to speak of the value of property, and the commercial advantages which are now enjoyed under the protection of the present system.

It is not perceived that any advantage would result from changing the character of our police force by substituting for efficient officers to be actively employed in keeping the peace, *lamp-lighters*, whose duties are now performed by the police. The change would add to the cost of lighting the city \$30,000 per annum, and to that extent lessen the proposed saving by the reduction of the police.

A suggestion has been made that the number of station houses might be diminished without detriment to the public service. On this subject it seems enough to remark that these station houses have already been fitted up at the public expense, that they have been leased for a period of five years upon contracts that cannot be annulled; and that while an inconsiderable reduction of their number would save but a small amount of expense to the community, that reduction would certainly be at the cost of a convenience in the administration of the duties of the police, which, for obvious reasons, adds to their present efficiency. It may be added, too, that in the winter season these station houses, in very many instances, are humanely used as places of shelter for the houseless poor.

CHARLES B. PENROSE, *chairman*,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
FRED. W. GRAYSON,
A. W. GREEN,
JOHN WELSH,
T. J. PERKINS.

APPENDIX No. 14.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, June 21st, 1855. }

To the Common Council of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your resolutions of May 24th, 1855, were received in due time, but owing to the unusual pressure of business at this time in my Department, I found myself unable to comply with the requirements of the resolutions at an earlier date. In the accompanying documents you have all the information required under their several heads, that is under my control; my report might be more explicit if I had in my possession certain information from the various Departments. They have given this to the several committees, and have therefore overlooked this Department, thinking no doubt that it all found its way to the proper channel; but you will discover that all the information required by Councils should be had in this Department, and therefore all matters connected with all the Departments should be recorded here, believing that to be the intention of the Act of Consolidation.

Document marked *A* will embrace answers to the several questions propounded in the first series of interrogatories.

Document marked *B* will embrace answers to the several questions propounded in the second series.

Document marked *C* will embrace answers to the several questions propounded in the third series.

In answer to the fourth interrogatory, I respectfully call your attention to a resolution of Councils of August 18th, 1854, as also to a resolution of Councils of September 7th, 1854. In the first resolution it is required of the Treasurer of the former corporations to deliver to the City Treasurer all their vouchers, books of account and papers, and the second authorized the Solicitor to compel Treasurers, who have not complied with the resolution of August 18th, to settle their accounts forthwith.

In connection with this question I will add that I have

audited the duplicate accounts of a number of collectors of the old corporation taxes and debts, and am at present engaged in the same Department.

Very respectfully yours,

JNO. N. HENDERSON.

A.—RECEIPTS—1855.

Sources from which the revenue is derived.	Estimated receipts for the year 1855.	Actual receipts, January.	Actual receipts, February.	Actual receipts, March.	Actual receipts, April.	Actual receipts, May.	Estimated monthly receipts.
HIGHWAYS.							
Permits for licensing carriages, hackney coaches and other vehicles. Permits for buildings, inlets, culverts, &c.; street dirt, old materials, stone, &c.; tolls and sale of old materials on the City Railroad.	\$148,000 00				\$4,940 83	\$3,066 35	\$22,000 00
CITY PROPERTY.							
Inspection and storage at the Tobacco Warehouse. Rents from all the property belonging to the City, except wharves and landings,	37,164 00	929 85	2,151 68		2,178 72	7,235 75	3,500 00
WATER.							
Water rents, 1855; fractional water rents, 1855; permits for water; rents of property at Fairmount Water Works and wharf, - - -	457,000 00	20,412 05	31,040 69	21,726 72	143,865 64	42,915 33	21,000 00
LAW.							
Claims for curbing, paving, piping, &c.; liens and costs of liens; fees, perquisites and emoluments of office; all lien-claims from Board of Health for removal of nuisances; Prison Inspectors, Guardians of the Poor, Controllers of the Public Schools, WHARVES AND LANDINGS.	80,000 00	9,883 66	6,213 75	9,841 16	13,138 72	5,159 81	7,000 00
Rents of wharves and landings, - - -	69,405 00	14,630 00	352 50	4,225 00	4,596 25	3,240 36	6,000 00
RECEIVER OF TAXES.							
School and County taxes for 1853, - - -	200,000 00	2,069 07	5,476 06	16,577 02	16,045 81	9,556 63	
Taxes assessed for 1854, - - -	500,000 00	349,291 00	23,742 48	2,089 79	1,286 73	987 73	
Taxes assessed for 1855, - - -	1,500,000 00	85,444 98	237,806 70	143,485 58	112,211 30	55,370 03	
Registered taxes, - - -	35,000 00		1,107 10	571 92			170,000 00
All fees of office, - - -							
MARKET HOUSES.							
Rents of stalls and stands; sale of forfeited articles, BOARD OF HEALTH.	68,525 50	40,020 50	15,728 00	1,171 50			2,000 00
Passengers' examination fees; return of expenses for							

B.—APPROPRIATIONS.—1855.

APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO JUNE 30TH, INCLUSIVE.	Appropriated.	Countersigned.	Balance.
	HIGHWAYS.			
January 13,	Repairs to streets, grading, &c.; also for repairs on the City Railroad,	\$21,160 00	\$23,778 78	\$881 22
" 22,	Fluid furnished late Kensington, surveys, &c.; also for iron railing around Jefferson Square, late Southwark, -	3,410 23	3,410 23	
" 30,	Contracts for Girard Avenue Bridge, viz: James McCloskey, grading and paving in Twenty-fourth Ward; Collier & Richmond, wharfing, land- ing, and building culverts in Eighteenth Ward; Joseph Barrett, grad- ing in late borough of Germantown, -	17,131 66	16,609 09	522 57
February 12,	Damages for opening Delaware avenue, -	10,914 00	8,862 00	2,052 00
	Certain contracts, viz: Henry Delany, building bridges in late Rich- mond; Thomas Gogerty, building culverts in late Penn District; Lester D. Fuller, paving in the late District of Southwark; Samuel A. Warth- man, paving in late Richmond; Fullerton & Miller, building culverts in late Kensington; George Kelly, building culverts in late Kensing- ton; James Gordon & Co., building culverts in late Richmond, -	54,826 90	54,826 90	
March 13,	General expenses of the Department, including \$80,000 of claims for labor and materials furnished prior to December 30, 1854, salaries for Surveyors and Assistants, paving, grading, inlets, bridges, repairs to the same, salary of the Superintendent of City Railroad, Messenger, &c., -	719,150 00	238,999 98	480,150 02
" 13,	Henry Delany's contract, for building bridges in late Richmond, -	5,000 00	5,000 00	
" 24,	Damages for opening Dickinson and Jervis streets, late Southwark, -	2,656 00	2,656 00	
" 27,	Charles Dixey's contract, for building bridges, late Richmond, -	3,953 08	3,953 08	
April 16,	William H. Miles' contract, for building bridges, late Richmond, -	6,000 00	6,000 00	
" 28,	Certain contracts, viz: Martin Rile, for building culvert, late Kensing- ton; William A. Eanes, building culverts, late Kensington; Charles Dixey, for building bridge, late Richmond; Thomas Gogerty, building culvert, city contract; R. Pickens & Co., grading roads, late Bel- mont, -	21,395 34	21,395 34	
May 10,	George Kelly's contract, grading in late Kensington, -	3,089 78		3,089 78
June 7,	William A. Eanes' contract, building culverts, late Kensington, -	3,809 50	3,809 50	

June 20,	Messrs. Gordon & Co.'s contract, building culverts, late Richmond,	-	2,436 00	-	2,436 00
	Total amounts,	- - - - -	\$877,932 49	\$389,300 90	\$488,631 59
POLICE.					
January 11,	Payment of police officers, lamplighters, and claims against the Department,	- - - - -			
" 30,	Salaries of the Mayor, Marshal, Clerks, High and Special Constables, Lieutenants, Privates, Police Magistrates, rent of station houses, cleaning, fuel, stationery, and incidental expenses, - - - - -	- - - - -	\$45,387 33	\$45,373 47	\$13 86
February 20,	Rent of station houses, fitting up ditto, claims against the Marshal of Police prior to January 1st, 1855, lighting and repairs to public lamps, &c., - - - - -	- - - - -	505,640 00	206,162 49	299,477 51
March 20,	Contingent expenses, for the detection and conviction of criminals, - - - - -	- - - - -	8,309 24	7,572 77	736 47
" 20,	Relief of Mrs. Mary Ann Henderson, - - - - -	- - - - -	500 00	173 65	326 35
May 10,	Gratuity to John Ritterson for injuries sustained, - - - - -	- - - - -	500 00	500 00	
		- - - - -	250 00	250 00	
	Total,	- - - - -	\$560,586 57	\$260,032 38	\$300,554 19
GAS PURPOSES.					
January 11,	Knowles, for coal; Jones & Co., for iron pipe, - - - - -	- - - - -			
" 13,	For gas consumed by public lamps, also for labor, wages and materials furnished, - - - - -	- - - - -	\$5,177 86	\$5,177 86	
November 11,	Knowles, for coal; Jones & Co., for iron pipe, - - - - -	- - - - -	58,823 04	57,458 72	\$1,364 32
February 12,	Labor and materials, Spring Garden Gas Works; ditto, Frankford Gas Works, - - - - -	- - - - -	36,555 13	36,555 13	
March 13,	Claims, Spring Garden Gas Works, for lighting the city, - - - - -	- - - - -	12,591 52	12,396 47	195 05
Dec'r 30, 1854,	payable March 29, 1855,	- - - - -	4,242 01	4,242 01	
April 19,	Jones & Co., iron pipe, Spring Garden Gas Works, - - - - -	- - - - -	6,784 16	6,784 16	
June 7,	Lamp cleaners, gas and fluid for public lamps, - - - - -	- - - - -	25,521 07	5,519 22	20,001 85
	Cleaning lamps, new lamps, repairs, fluid and gas for public lamps, - - - - -	- - - - -	6,496 30	4,470 87	2,025 43
	Total,	- - - - -	\$156,191 09	\$132,604 44	\$23,586 65

B.—APPROPRIATIONS—Continued.

APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO JUNE 30TH, INCLUSIVE.	Appropriated.	Countersigned.	Balance.
	WATER.			
January 4,	Workmen at engine houses, streets, &c.; also estate of J. A. Bender, carpenter work. - - - - -	\$4,665 04	\$4,665 04	
" 24,	Sundry persons, for coal, stone, lumber, stop cocks, repairs, &c., &c., -	31,403 76	31,381 10	\$ 22 66
March 8,	General expenses of Department, viz: pipes, cocks, fire-plugs, fixtures, wages, fuel, materials, repairs, taxes, stationery and incidental expenses, - - - - -	210,685 00	56,962 44	153,722 56
	Total, - - - - -	\$246,753 80	\$93,008 58	\$153,745 22
	CITY COMMISSIONERS.			
January 11,	Indexing, &c., court expenses, repairs to ditto, transcripts, advertising, stationery, tax duplicates, carriage hire, refunded tax, &c., -	\$15,914 70	\$15,913 52	\$ 1 18
" 24,	Election expenses, and repairs to county buildings, - - - - -	2,354 14	2,353 75	39
" 30,	Repairs to court houses, transcripts, Coroner's fees, and sundry expenses, - - - - -	16,055 60	16,055 44	16
March 1,	Court expenses, tax duplicates, Sheriff and Coroner's fees, and incidental expenses, - - - - -	148,410 55	93,817 86	54,592 69
" 10,	Jacob W. Colladay, for materials and labor, Common Pleas room, -	556 39	556 39	
" 27,	T. O. Goldsmith, late Coroner, on account, - - - - -	1,000 00	1,000 00	
	GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.	\$184,291 38	\$129,696 96	\$54,594 42
January 16,	Supplies, salaries, wages, repairs, out-door relief, &c., &c., -	\$12,612 63	\$12,612 63	
February 12,	Do do do - - - - -	205,882 00	181,957 35	\$23,924 65
May 3,	Expenses incurred by the Managers of the Poor of the borough of Manayunk, - - - - -	5,980 00		5,980 00
	CLERKS OF COUNCILS.	\$224,474 63	\$194,569 98	\$29,904 65
January 20,	Salaries, and expenses of Councils and Committees of ditto, - - -	\$5,000 00	\$4,988 09	\$11 91

February 6,	Salaries, printing, stationery and other expenses of Councils,	-	25,000 00	16,146 02	8,853 98
BOARD OF HEALTH.					
January 11,	Claims against the Board prior to January 1st, 1855,	-	\$30,000 00	\$21,134 11	\$8,865 89
February 15,	General expenses, viz: salaries, wages, supplies, &c., &c.,	-	\$4,223 87	\$4,223 87	
		-	35,620 00	13,214 40	\$22,375 60
		-			\$22,375 60
HOUSE OF REFUGE.					
January 8,	Part of annual appropriation, as per Act of Assembly,	-	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00	
April 12,	Balance of above, as per Act of Assembly,	-	8,000 00	2,046 00	\$5,954 00
		-			\$5,954 00
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.					
January 13,	Salaries, rent, fuel, repairs, cleaning, furniture, stationery, &c.,	-	\$135,279 04	\$120,452 21	\$14,826 83
March 1,	Salaries, &c., as above,	-	456,863 00	145,356 50	311,506 50
		-			\$326,333 33
RECEIVER OF TAXES.					
January 24,	Fitting up office, clerk hire, board and traveling expenses of agents,	-	\$592,142 04	\$265,808 71	
" 30,	printing, stationery, &c.,	-	\$1,136 08	\$1,135 08	\$1 00
	Salary of Receiver, clerks, officers, printing, advertising, incidental ex-	-	17,225 00	10,834 74	6,390 26
	penses,	-			
		-			\$6,391 26
MARKET HOUSES.					
March 1,	Salaries, repairs, printing, stationery and incidental expenses,	-	\$18,361 08	\$11,969 82	
April 19,	Ground rent, State tax, and claims against the Department,	-	\$10,450 00	\$5,774 07	\$4,675 93
		-	1,266 68	1,013 68	253 00
		-			\$4,928 93
Over-paid taxes, to refund the same,					
January 4,	Over-paid taxes, to refund the same,	-	\$11,716 68	\$6,787 75	
" 22,	Fitting up State House, centre portion State House building,	-	\$1,912 88	\$1,912 88	
" 21,	Certain claims against the corporation,	-	13,300 00	13,300 00	
" 30,	City Treasurer, salaries, stationery, furniture, printing, &c., &c.,	-	327,020 10	294,078 03	Overdrawn.
" 29,	Law Department—Salaries, filing fees, advertising, printing, incidental expenses,	-	18,950 00	9,546 97	42,912 07
		-	17,420 00	10,306 21	8,503 03
		-			7,113 79

B.—APPROPRIATIONS—Continued.

APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO JUNE 30TH, INCLUSIVE.	Appropriated.	Countersigned	Balance.
February 15.	City Property—Salaries of officers in public buildings, squares, &c., repairs and incidental expenses, - - -	\$78,181 31	\$46,533 20	\$31,648 11
" 12,	Wharves and Landings—salaries, repairs to wharves, cleaning docks, stationery, labor, &c., - - -	4,950 00	1,049 89	3,900 11
" 23,	Inspectors of County Prisons—Salaries, supplies, clothing, fuel, repairs, also expenses Debtors' apartment, - - -	70,871 00	38,976 78	31,894 22
January 29,	Trustees of the Ice Boat—Expenses, care and management of the same, - - -	7,500 00	6,461 10	1,038 90
March 1,	City Controller—Salaries, stationery, printing, repairs and incidental expenses, - - -	14,110 00	9,676 27	4,433 73
Dec'r 29, 1854,	Interest on the funded debt, - - -	965,908 10	437,954 69	527,953 41
" "	Principal of the funded debt, - - -	260,228 00	150,250 00	109,978 00
" "	Fractional parts of Certificates Sinking Fund, - - -	2,716 80	2,716 80	-
January 20,	Compensation to Mrs. O'Callahan, - - -	1,250 00	1,250 00	-
" 30,	Sinking Fund, providing therefor, - - -	100,000 00	74,788 82	25,211 18
March 13,	Vaccine Physicians and collectors of cases, - - -	1,000 00	809 17	190 83
April 12,	The Northern Home, and other institutions for friendless children, - - -	4,500 00	-	4,500 00
" 19,	A lot of ground, (Brown's lot) Ninth and Locust streets, - - -	79,500 00	-	79,500 00
May 10,	Medals to Captains Creighton, Low, and Stauffer, - - -	918 09	918 09	-
	Temporary loans, - - -	325,000 00	28,333 33	296,666 67

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations to June 30th, '55.	Appropriated.	Countersign'd.	Balance.
Highways, - - - -	\$877,932 49	\$389,300 90	\$488,631 59
Police, - - - -	560,586 57	260,032 38	300,554 19
Gas, - - - -	156,191 09	132,604 44	23,586 65
Water, - - - -	246,753 80	93,008 58	153,745 22
City Commissioners, -	184,291 38	129,696 96	54,594 42
Guardians of the Poor, -	224,474 63	194,569 98	29,904 65
Clerks of Councils, - -	30,000 00	21,134 11	8,865 89
Board of Health, - -	39,943 87	17,568 27	22,375 60
House of Refuge, - - -	13,000 00	7,046 00	5,954 00
Public Schools, - - -	592,142 04	265,808 71	326,333 33
Receiver of Taxes, - -	18,361 08	11,969 82	6,391 26
Market Houses, - - -	11,716 68	6,787 75	4,928 93
Overpaid Taxes, - - -	1,912 88	1,912 88	
Fitting up State House, -	13,500 00	13,500 58	Overdrawn.
Certain claims against Corpora- tion, - - - -	337,020 10	294,078 03	42,942 07
City Treasurer, - - -	18,050 00	9,546 97	8,503 03
Law Department, - - -	17,420 00	10,306 21	7,113 79
City Property, - - -	78,181 31	46,533 20	31,648 11
Wharves and Landings, -	4,950 00	1,049 89	3,900 11
Inspectors of County Prison,	70,871 00	38,976 78	31,894 22
Trustees of the Ice Boat, -	7,500 00	6,461 10	1,038 90
City Controller, - - -	14,110 00	9,676 27	4,433 73
Interest Funded Debt, - -	965,908 10	437,954 69	527,953 41
Principal Funded Debt, -	260,228 00	150,250 00	109,978 00
Fractional parts Certificates of Sinking Fund, - - -	2,716 80	2,716 80	
Compensation to Mrs. O'Calla- han, - - - -	1,250 00	1,250 00	
Sinking Fund, - - - -	100,000 00	74,788 82	25,211 18
Vaccine Physicians, - -	1,000 00	809 17	190 83
Northern Home and other insti- tutions, - - - -	4,500 00		4,500 00
Lot of Ground, (Brown's lot,) -	79,500 00		79,500 00
Medals to Captains Creighton, Low and Staffer, - - -	719 08	719 08	
Temporary Loans, - - -	325,000 00	28,333 33	296,666 67
	5,259,730 90	2,658,391 70	2,601,339 78

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Statement of the payments to be made monthly, and the balances of unexpended appropriations.

City Controller's Department.

The amount that is payable for the salaries in this Department for Controller, Clerks, &c., for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$882 00

City Treasurer.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for Treasurer, Clerks, &c., each month, - \$840 00

Receiver of Taxes.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for Receiver of Taxes, Clerks, &c., for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$825 00

Water Department.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for Chief Engineer, Assistant Engineers, Register, Surveyors, Inspectors, Watchmen, Clerks, &c., each month, - - - - - \$5,500 00

Police Department.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for Mayor, Marshall, Clerks, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Policemen, Constables, &c., each month, - - - \$42,000 00

Department of Markets.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for the current fiscal year, for Commissioners, Clerks, &c., each month, - - - - - \$625 00

City Surveyors.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for the current fiscal year, for the Surveyors, each month, - - - - - \$792 00

Guardians of the Poor.

The amount that is payable for salaries in this Department for the current fiscal year, of officers connected with the Department, each month, - - - \$1,500 00

Board of Health.

The amount that is payable for salaries of the officers connected with this Department for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$1,521 00

Inspectors of Prison.

The amount that is payable for salaries of the officers connected with this Department for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$1,925 00

Controllers of the Public Schools.

The amount that is payable for salaries of Teachers, House-keepers, Clerks, &c., connected with this Department, for the current fiscal year, each month, - \$38,000 00

Gas Department.

The amount that is payable for the salaries of the Lamp-lighters in this Department, for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$1,300 00

Department of Wharves, &c.

The amount that is payable for the salary of the Superintendent in this Department, for the current fiscal year, each month, - - - - - \$66 67

Department of City Commissioners.

The amount that is payable for the salaries of the Commissioners, Clerks, District Attorney, Coroner, Tipstaves, Jurymen, Interpreter, Witnesses, Superintendents, Assessors, Election Officers, and Messenger, each month, - \$16,706 00

Department of City Property.

The amount that is payable for salaries of Commissioners, Collectors, Superintendents, Watchmen, Carpenter, Messenger, &c., each month, - - - - - \$1,834 00

Department of Highways.

The amount that is payable for salaries of Commissioners, Supervisors, Clerks, Superintendents, &c., for this Department, each month, - - - - - \$3,132 00

Clerks of Councils.

The amount payable for salaries of Clerks, &c., each month, - - - - - \$690 00

Law Department.

The amount that is payable for salaries, in this Department, of
the Solicitors, Clerks, &c., each month, \$884 00

Fire Department.

The amount that is payable for salaries, in this Department, of
Engineer and Clerk, each month, - - \$459 00

City Ice Boat and Vaccine Physicians.

The amount that is payable for salaries, &c., of Physicians,
Clerk, Watchman, each month, - - - \$150 00

Recapitulation.

The amount that will be required to be paid
each month for salaries is - - \$119,631 67

The aggregate amount of unexpended balances
(after deducting the whole amount of salaries,
say \$837,421 69,) for the residue of the cur-
rent fiscal year, will be \$1,746,285 35—
which amount, if paid monthly, would re-
quire, each month, - - - - \$249,469 35

Total amount required per month, - - \$369,101 02

This calculation does not include the temporary loan of
\$500,000 00 approved April 6th, 1855, of which the Treasurer
has negotiated loans to the amount of \$325,000 00.

OFFICE CITY TAX RECEIVER, }
Philadelphia, June 20, 1855. }

President and members of the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—In reply to your resolution of the 24th of May, 1855, requiring certain information from this Department, I beg leave to submit the following :

The amount of tax assessed for
the fiscal year 1855, for City
purposes, - - - - - \$2,009,098 00

On which there has been received on account to
January 31, - - - - - \$158,034 99
February 28, - - - - - 232,478 22
March 31, - - - - - 148,899 10
April 30, - - - - - 92,870 25
May 31, - - - - - 66,356 13
June 15, - - - - - 33,294 00

\$731,932 69

Add amount of allowance for
discount on this sum to June 15, 79,982 52

Estimate amount of allowance by
City Commissioners for errors
and reduction, - - - 200,000 00

Estimate amount to be registered
after returns made by the
Constables, say - - - 25,000 00

Leaving probable balance to be
collected in the office, and by
warrants, - - - - - 972,182 79

\$2,009,098 00

The amount of tax assessed for
the year 1854, for City pur-
poses, say - - - - - \$2,026,994 36

On which there has been received
to this date, - - - - - 1,797,358 52

Estimate amount allowed by City
Commissioners for errors and
reduction, together with am't
to be registered by Constable
return, say - - - - - 200,000 00

Leaving a balance to be collected
on warrants, - - - - - 29,635 84

\$2,026,994 36

The amount of tax assessed for year 1853, and yet unpaid in hands of collectors, amounts as follows:

Say County tax,	-	-	-	-	\$26,540	54
School tax,	-	-	-	-	10,928	08
						<u>\$37,488 62</u>

Amount of allowance, commissions and costs on the above, say	-	-	-	-	-	<u>7,000 00</u>
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Leaving a balance to be collected,	-	-			\$30,488	62
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These cases, as well as those of prior years, are now in progress of settlement by a judicial action, commenced on their bonds by J. L. Husband, Solicitor of the County Treasurer, and will no doubt be all collected before the close of this fiscal year.

The amount of taxes unpaid for 1849 to 1852, at this date,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,784 73
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Being all of them small balances, from which deduct allowances and commissions, will close their accounts, say						3,784 73
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The amount of cash paid on account of taxes of 1853 and prior, to the City Treasurer, to June 15, as per Treasurer's receipts, say

	County.	School.
For January,	-	-
February,	-	-
March,	-	-
April,	-	-
May,	-	-
June,	-	-
“ on account,	-	-
	<u>\$52,050 79</u>	<u>\$25,938 50</u>

Making a total of	-	-	-	-	\$77,989 29
Balance of County and School tax in hands of County Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$15,924 01</u>

Total amount received to this date, June 15, say		\$93,913 30
Which, together with the estimate amount to be collected, will be	-	<u>30,488 62</u>

For City purposes,	-	-	-	-	\$124,401 92
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There are also the following other accounts to be found upon the County ledger, being balances due by former Collec-

tors whose accounts have been settled, but never closed. I have not included them in the accounts of the City, for the following reasons:—The most of them, the judgment bond in favor of the County and State, have been satisfied by former County Treasurers, or their attorneys, as per following statement. Those that are satisfied I shall proceed to close their accounts.

Bond satisfied. Jos. Plankinton, late Co. Treas.			
	account not closed,	-	- \$10,951 10
Settled.	Geo. F. Uber, Collector,	1848,	5,813 95
	J. McMenemy, - -	1848,	495 75
	F. Cassidy, - -	1848,	741 02
Bond satisfied.	J. Smith, - -	1847,	669 08
	G. W. Bradly, -	1847,	4,675 20
"	D. Levering, - -	1844,	703 56
"	C. Hoffner, - -	1844,	639 37
"	Jno. Leech, - -	1844,	639 36
	W. P. Murphy, -	1843,	397 42
"	E. Tomlinson, - -	1843,	63 54
"	Geo. Fink, - -	1843,	628 27
No record.	Wm. Marony, - -	1842,	530 10
	John Bender, -	1841,	1,994 72
"	W. B. Duval, - -	1841,	1,098 36
	G. M. Everly, -	1840,	1,050 98
	J. Stout, - -	1840,	4,816 46
	C. Justice, - -	1840,	1,444 29
"	C. Gevard, - -	1840,	580 05
	Jno. Hook, - -	1839,	1,059 19
	M. K. Keyser, - -	1837,	611 35
Bond satisfied.	Jno. Ames, - -	1837,	63 98
	Jno. Harris, - -	1837,	554 06

You will see that a number of the above Collectors' accounts have been satisfied on the judgment docket, and of others there has been no record in the Prothonotary's office. I shall therefore close their accounts to the best of my judgment, and have not included them in the list of the City's available assets.

In reply to the query of how much of the outstanding tax of 1855 may be anticipated, during each of the remaining months of the fiscal year, I can only give the following estimate, which, being entirely conjectural, is entitled to but little consideration:

Say for balance of June, - - - -	\$30,000 00
July, - - - -	50,000 00
August, - - - -	75,000 00
September, - - - -	100,000 00
October, - - - -	150,000 00
November, - - - -	200,000 00
December, - - - -	200,000 00

The balance may not be collected until the return of the Constables' warrants, to be made in the spring of 1856.

In relation to what mode, if any, the requirements of the Act of Assembly, commencing the fiscal year on the first day of January, in each and every year, has been arranged or conformed to, I can only say that the Councils last year levied a tax for 1854, to commence on the 1st of July and end 31st of December of that year, and also commencing the 1st of January, 1855, and ending 31st of December of 1855.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. COLEMAN, *Receiver of Taxes.*

COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

DEAR SIR:—Herewith you have the names and balances of the gross amount due by each Collector, whose bond (which includes State, County and School taxes) I have and am now collecting by suit.

		County.	School.
City, Geo. W. Brown,	1853,	\$15,922 14	\$3,306 27
W. W. Watt,	"	1,806 42	2,490 49
Spring Garden, Wm. S. Mann,	"	3,113 48	
Kensington, W. R. Bennett,	"	1,116 88	1,673 33
Southwark, Jos. Rawlston,	"	927 03	408 06
Moyamensing, A. McGrath,	"		200 00
Outer Districts, A. C. Jones,	"	808 77	642 89
I. A. Brown,	"	921 98	339 00
G. W. Smith,	"	1,438 78	1,262 21
H. Raider,	"		406 21
I. R. Bewley,	1852,	502 30	
Geo. Wilant,	"	449 96	
J. Stallman,	1849,	461 47	
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		\$27,469 16	\$10,726 46

This amount includes all allowances and commissions on the whole amount of each collector.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,

J. L. HUSBAND.

To I. HAZLEHURST, Esq.

—
CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 19th, 1855. }

MY DEAR SIR:—After as careful an examination of the records and papers as the time and their confused state would admit of, I have the honor to return, in answer to your inquiry as to the amount of claims due the City on account of the old districts, that as near as I can ascertain, the amount of claims in suit and under charge in this office, for the late District of Moyamensing, is about - - - - \$14,950 00
being for water and gas pipe.

To the late District of Southwark, - - - - 3,530 00
for paving, curbing, laying pipe, &c.

To the City, the claims of every kind in my hands for collection, would not amount to 100 00

And to late District of West Philadelphia,
in paving, curbing, &c., about - - - - 11,000 00
Water pipe, - - - - - 51,200 00

\$80,689 00

In reference to these I would remark, it is to be presumed that a great number have been paid to the various officers of the late districts, or released to the debtors by the district authorities, and no note made either in the books or the court dockets, and it is only when process is issued and costs accrued, that the vouchers are produced to us. This has been the case in a large number of instances, heretofore, and will most likely occur more frequently as we proceed to steps for the enforcement of the old claims, many of which have been suffered, from some reason, to lie quiet, on the part of the old districts, by their Solicitors.

A great number of these claims, especially in Moyamensing and Southwark, will be and are contested, and payment resisted on various grounds, particularly as to the charges for pipe, which are alleged to be too high.

In many instances we discover, when the property is seized

in execution, that it has already been sold by the Sheriff, by process against the real owner, whose name does not happen to be the one against which the lien is filed, and that lien consequently discharged.

In West Philadelphia, the late Board of Commissioners passed resolutions, when they ordered a new grade of certain streets, that the price already paid by the owners of property upon them, for the grading, paving side-walks, curbs, &c., should be deducted and allowed them, out of the charges against them for the new grading, &c. These deductions vary from ten to ninety per cent. on the amount of the claim, and we have had instances where the off-set has absorbed the whole claim. As the whole of the paving claims above returned in West Philadelphia are liable to these deductions, it would be unsafe to rely upon any collectable amount from them, greater than from fifty to sixty-six per cent.

The claims for water pipe in this District also, I would say, are not collectable till the introduction of the water, upon the completion of the water works, and some of these have been paid, and no satisfaction entered.

Upon the whole, I do not think more than perhaps sixty per cent. of the aggregate amount I have returned you can possibly be collected.

I have the honor to be

Yours, very respectfully,

JOS. P. LOUGHEAD,

Assistant City Solicitor.

ISAAC HAZLEHURST, Esq., *City Solicitor.*

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CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 21, 1855. }

THOMAS CRAVEN, Esq., *Chairman Finance Committee :*

DEAR SIR :—I have duly received your favor of the 17th inst., requesting a statement of outstanding claims due, and placed in my hands for collection, including those due previous and subsequent to consolidation.

They are as follows:

1. Moyamensing, old claims, &c., &c.,	-	\$14,950 00
2. Southwark, - - - - -	-	3,530 00
3. Old City, - - - - -	-	100 00
4. District of West Philadelphia, paving, curb-		
ing and water pipe, - - - - -	-	62,200 00
5. Spring Garden, - - - - -	-	6,750 00
6. Richmond, - - - - -	-	16,780 00
7. Kensington, - - - - -	-	11,583 00
8. Penn District, - - - - -	-	6,603 00
9. Board of Health, - - - - -	-	4,740 00
10. City of Philadelphia, - - - - -	-	33,285 00
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		\$160,521 00

Accompanying this report, I append the statement of the gentleman connected with me in this department, and who has made a detailed examination of the value and condition of the outstanding claims. It is supposed that a deduction of at least fifty per cent. must be made from the aggregate amount, in order to arrive at a correct estimate of their value.

I am respectfully yours,

ISAAC HAZLEHURST.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, May 21, 1855. }

To I. HAZLEHURST, Esq., *City Solicitor* :

Upon examining the docket of claims due the City of Philadelphia, for expenses of removing nuisances by the Board of Health, I find the aggregate amount to be \$4,740 29. Of this sum about fifty per cent., say \$2,400 will, in all probability, be collected: the balance, from various causes, cannot be recovered. The above comprise all the available debts due the City, on account of the departments with which I am connected.

Very respectfully yours,

H. S. HAGERT,

Assistant City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, May 21, 1855. }

ISAAC HAZLEHURST, ESQ., *City Solicitor* :

DEAR SIR—The subjoined statement shows the amount of the outstanding claims (now in suit) of the late Districts of Spring Garden, Penn, Kensington and Richmond, and of the present City of Philadelphia, classified according to the years in which they occurred, viz :

Years.	Sp. Garden.	Penn District.	Kensington.	Richmond.	City of Phila.	Aggregate.
1848.				\$192 74		\$192 74
1849.	\$1,201 19		\$192 20	1,124 11		2,517 50
1850.	1,137 43	\$248 86	67 58	456 50		1,910 37
1851.	387 85	888 67	124 21	4,056 99		5,457 72
1852.	707 62	738 63	1,995 66	905 17		4,347 08
1853.	2,274 50	2,510 85	4,741 99	9,472 31		18,999 65
1854.	1,041 96	2,216 72	4,462 16	572 75	\$24,286 84	32,580 43
1855.					8,998 39	8,998 39
	\$6,750 55	\$6,603 73	\$11,583 80	\$16,780 57	\$33,285 23	\$75,003 88

Out of the suits on municipal claims disposed of by this department since October last, the proportion of those either discharged by judicial sales or paid to the officers of the various districts, without any corresponding notice thereof on the Solicitor's books, has been discovered to be so large, that it cannot be safely estimated that much more than fifty per cent. of the above claims will be realized.

Yours, truly,

JOHN M. COLLINS.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
Philadelphia, June 5th, 1855. }

I submit annexed a statement of the appropriations made to this department since January 1st, comprising, viz :

1. For gas works and lighting City, - \$157,665 33
2. To pay contracts made prior to consolidation,
(payable in bonds,) - - - 94,265 10
3. To pay damages for opening streets, - 13,570 00
4. To pay contracts made prior to consolidation,
(payable in cash,) - - - 8,131 66

5. Appropriations for general purposes of the department for 1855, - - - - 752,310 00

The first four items have been settled, with the exception of To Philadelphia Gas Works, for Gas furnished

to March 1st, - - - - -	\$10,136 17
Northern Liberties Works, do., - - - - -	5,896 83
Southwark Gas Works, do., - - - - -	1,826 77
Germantown " do., - - - - -	1,411 30
Sundry small bills, - - - - -	779 72
Damages on Delaware avenue, - - - - -	1,732 00

\$21,782 79

Pay in cash and the warrants withheld, in accordance with the resolution of the Committee on Finance, May 21.

The \$4,089 78 payable in bonds are provided for by the ordinance approved January 29, 1855.

Item 5 comprises the regular appropriation for the use of the department for the year 1855. The several purposes and amounts are given, and the amounts for which warrants have been issued up to the receipt of the resolution of your committee.

Total amount drawn, - - - - -	\$219,136 63
Of which, No. 7 is on contract made under acts of Assembly prior to consolidation, \$19,657 65	
And No. 16, work and materials, prior to December 30, 1854, 83,949 83	
	<hr/> 103,607 48

\$115,529 15

The amounts due for the month of May are—

Salaries, - - - - -	\$3,262 50
Pay rolls of the supervisors for paving, grading and cleansing, - - - - -	31,300 00
Contractor, cleansing old City, - - - - -	1,960 00

\$36,522 50

In addition to which, there is due at this time for materials and labor, from \$18,000 to 20,000, a portion of which would be received in bonds; one party having a claim of \$1,900 has expressed his willingness to receive them.

The estimated income of the office for June, for permits, &c., will be about \$5,000 00.

The gangs employed at repairing the streets and grading

new streets have been much reduced during the past two weeks; and the amount of the pay rolls for June will be under \$20,000; and by the end of the month the grading of streets will be done and the repairing of streets will be completed sufficient to further reduce the number of hands employed, unless Councils will authorize new paving.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

THOS. BIRCH.

—
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. }
Philadelphia, May 30, 1855. }

Statement of appropriations made by ordinances, the warrants to be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, from January 1, 1855, to date:

Whole amount,	-	-	-	-	\$1,025,942 09
Of which the following ordinances are for the					
payment of debts due by the district gas works,					
and for lighting the City, and other accounts,					
none of which belong to the department:					
Ord'nce app'd Jan. 13,	16,522	33			
“ “	18,58,823	04			
“ “	22,	3,410	23		
“ Feb. 6,	36,555	13			
“ “	12,	12,591	52		
“ March 13,	4,242	01			
“ April 18,	25,521	07			
					\$157,665 33

Of which there is undrawn, viz:

Ordinance January 18,	\$66	75
“ Feb. 12,	22	70
“ April 18,	690	27

Of the ordinance Jan.

13, the payment to M. Knowles was withheld, amounting to 11,344 47* and of the ordinance of April 18th, the amount of bills for gas

Carried forward,	\$157,665 33	\$1,025,942 09
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* Ordinance repealed May 10th.

Brought forward, \$157,665 33 \$1,025,942 09
 payable 24th of May
 has been withheld, in
 accordance with the
 notice from your com., 19,271 07

Unpaid, \$31,395 26

Specific appropriations made to
 pay in City loan, for work done on
 certain contracts therein named,
 made prior to consolidation :

Ordinance Feb. 12,	\$54,826 90	
“ March 13,	5,000 00	
“ “ 27,	3,953 08	
“ April 19,	6,000 00	
“ “ 28,	21,395 34	
“ May 10,	3,089 78	
		\$94,265 10

Remaining unpaid—

Of April 19,	\$1,000 00
Of May 10,	3,089,78
	<u>\$4,089 78</u>

Appropriations for the payment
 of damages for opening streets, as-
 sessed by juries appointed by the
 Court of Quarter Sessions :

Ord. Feb. 12, Delaware	
avenue, -	\$10,914 00
Ord. March 24, Dickin-	
son Street, -	2,656 00
	<u>13,570 00</u>

Remaining unpaid on
 Delaware avenue, \$1,732 00

Payments made on contracts in	
cash, ordinance January 29,	8,131 66
	<u>273,632 09</u>

Leaving, -	\$752,310 00
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To wit—

By ordinance January 13,	-	\$24,160 00
“ “ 29,	-	9,000 00
“ March 13,	-	719,150 00
11		<u>\$752,310 00</u>

Appropriated to the following purposes :

	Amounts.	Warrants drawn.
1. New paving, - - -	\$200,000 00	\$3,207 30
2. Repaving, - - -	25,000 00	1,194 11
3. Repairing streets and paving over gas and water pipes,	100,000 00	22,384 62
4. Grading streets and road,	100,000 00	25,835 05
5. Repairing roads, -	30,000 00	11,093 41
6. Paving footways, - -	5,000 00	414 21
7. Girard, Montgomery and Berks avenues, Girard Ave- nue Bridge, Mill Creek Bridge, - - - -	50,000 00	19,657 65
8. Repairs to culverts, new in- lets, &c., - - -	10,000 00	1,103 80
9. Bridge at Franklin avenue,	4,000 00	
10. For bridges and repairs,	10,000 00	760 66
11. Cleansing streets, - -	8,960 00	32,990 06
12. Repairs, &c., City railroad,	6,000 00	962 01
13. Repairs, wells and pumps,	4,000 00	831 67
14. Salaries, - - -	38,600 00	12,792 68
15. Temporary clerk, - -	750 00	125 00
16. Work and materials prior to Dec. 30, 1854, - - -	85,000 00	83,949 83
17. Salaries of Surveyors, &c.,	2,000 00	1,834 57
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	\$752,310 00	\$219,136 63

To the President and members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—In answer, to a resolution passed by your body May 24th, 1855, I respectfully submit the following answer thereto :

The revenues paid directly to this department are, for interest on stocks held by the City in the following railroad companies, viz :

1855, Jan. 1, N. Western Railr'd Co., (fractional,)	\$2,937 50
“ “ Sunbury and Erie do., (unpaid,)	36,000 00
“ April 1, North Penna. Railroad Company,	39,330 00
“ May 1, Hempfield “ “	18,000 00

1855, May 1, Pennsylvania Railroad Company,	\$120,000 00
“ July 1, Sunbury and Erie “	36,000 00
“ “ 1, North-western do., (fractional,)	5,128 77
“ Oct. 1, North Penna. Railroad Company,	41,160 00
“ Nov. 1, Hempfield “	18,000 00
“ “ 1, Pennsylvania “	120,000 00

Appropriations made by Councils from January 1st, 1855, to June 1st, and the amount paid thereon :

	Appropriations	Payments.
Interest on City debt, -	\$965,908 10	\$437,222 62
Sinking fund, - -	100,524 00	77,398 10
House of Refuge, - -	13,000 00	7,046 00
Fitting up of State House,	13,500 00	13,430 28
Loans falling due in 1855,	260,228 00	134,000 00
Over-paid taxes of 1854,		1,838 06
Mrs. E. O'Callahan, -	1,250 00	1,250 00
Claims against corporations,	337,020 10	295,308 38
Lighting the City with gas,	133,490 76	127,895 97
Supplying City with water,	246,753 80	78,601 77
Receiver of Taxes department,	18,361 08	9,125 40
City Treasurer “	18,968 09	7,565 92
Inspectors of Prison, -	70,571 00	26,891 36
City ice boat, - - -	7,500 00	6,266 48
Law department, -	17,420 00	8,535 81
City property department,	78,181 31	35,366 45
Vaccine physicians, - -	1,000 00	809 17
City Commissioners, -	184,291 38	103,793 23
Board of Health, - -	39,943 87	15,430 65
Public Schools, - -	592,142 04	240,546 85
Guardians of Poor, - -	224,474 63	160,015 14
Highways, - - -	887,891 02	317,964 24
Police, - - -	559,336 51	214,292 74
Clerks of Councils, - -	30,000 00	18,541 69
Taxes on Boudinot lands,	187 58	187 58
Mary Ann Henderson, -	500 00	500 00
City Controller, - -	14,110 00	8,193 59
Market Houses, - -	11,716 68	5,222 58
Wharves and Landings, -	4,950 00	711 55
John Ritterson, - -	250 00	250 00

Amount carried forward, \$4,833,770 01 2,354,200 61

Amount brought forward,	\$4,833,770 01	2,254,200 61
Police purposes, - -	500 00	
Northern Home for Friendless		
Children, - - -	2,000 00	
Rosine Association, -	1,500 00	
Foster Home Association, -	1,000 00	
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	\$4,838,770 01	\$2,354,200 61

1855.

Jan. 1,	balance in the treasury,	- - -	\$165,436 66
Feb. 1,	" " " " " "	- - -	11,934 48
March 1,	" due the banks,	- - -	181,248 50
April 1,	" " " " " "	- - -	142,470 30
May 1,	" in the treasury,	- - -	7,886 15
June 1,	" " " " " "	- - -	5,607 62

The interest due on the stock held by the City of Philadelphia in railroad companies has been paid, except by the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company. I have this day received the annexed resolution, passed by the Board of Managers of said company, which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly your obedient servant,

JOHN LINDSAY, *City Treasurer.*

City Treasurer's Office, June 1st, 1855.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, held January 1, 1855, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay interest to the stockholders only on full paid stock, and on the bonds of the City of Erie that have been paid out to contractors. And that to all other stockholders, the interest now accrued be paid when they shall pay any further installment or installments on their stock.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said company.

PHILIP M. PRICE, *Secretary.*

WHARVES AND LANDINGS, }
Philadelphia June 2d, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—In compliance to a resolution of your honorable body, passed May 24th, 1855, I respectfully submit the following answers :

Question 1st.—The amount of revenue which will be produced by the property in charge of this department within the current fiscal year.

<i>Answer.</i> —Annual revenue, 1855,	-	\$52,632 00
Amount due 1854,	- -	17,759 11

Whole amount,	\$70,391 11
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Question 2d.—Together with the expenses chargeable thereon.

Answer.—The whole amount, including salary, repairs of wharves, cleansing docks, taxes, ground rent, &c., \$4,950 00.

Question 3d.—How much of said revenue has been paid into the City treasury.

Answer.—\$27,044 11.

Question 4th.—And an estimate how much will be paid in, each and every month, within the residue of the current fiscal year.

Answer.—The following amounts are due in each month within the residue of the current fiscal year :

June,	- - - - -	\$6,867 50
July,	- - - - -	11,215 25
August,	- - - - -	665 00
September,	- - - - -	5,755 00
October,	- - - - -	6,3 0 25
November,	- - - - -	300 00
December,	- - - - -	12,184 00

Total amount,	\$43,347 00
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Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES HORNER, *Superintendent.*

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES, }
Philadelphia, May 31st, 1855. }

To the Honorable the President and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your resolution of the 24th inst., I beg leave to lay before you the following statement :

The estimated revenue for this year is,	-	\$68,522	50
The amount collected,	- - -	56,920	00

Leaving a balance of	\$11,605	50
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To collect in half yearly rents, payable in June and July ; and I may here remark, that this amount may be increased to, at the lowest estimate, five thousand additional, provided the necessary ordinances are passed requiring the removal of all hucksters from stands on the streets.

The amounts appropriated to this department for all purposes have been thus far,	- - -	\$11,716	68
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And the amount expended and paid up to this time,	5,147	34
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Showing a balance of	\$6,569	34
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Which will be amply sufficient to meet all current expenses contemplated at the time the estimates were made.

Many of the markets in the late districts are much out of repairs, and the occupants express a willingness to pay triple the rent they now pay if the stalls are placed in good order. (I now speak more particularly of the Wharton Street markets of the late district of Southwark.) I would be pleased to meet the committee at their earliest convenience, and lay before them such information as I have acquired by a personal inspection and supervision of all the various markets in the City.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

WM. D. NEWELL, *Com. of Markets.*

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN—In reply to your resolution of the 24th of May, 1855, I beg leave to hand you the accompanying list, in which you will find the different items of City property

under the supervision of this department, as far as I have been able to ascertain. There may be some other that has not been returned to me.

It would be presumption on my part to fix a value on it. That has already been done by the late Committee on Finance, probably as correctly as I should be able; but, as far as possible, I have placed on said rent roll and list, the income arising from that part which has been rented. I also hand a schedule of such property as in my opinion might be sold, to what advantage it is impossible to say. As to your request that I should state what it would cost to keep the City property under my supervision in order, I cannot make any estimate whatever, as it depends on many casualties that can neither be foreseen or imagined. Hoping that the documents herewith presented may be satisfactory,

I am yours truly,

JOHN DIEHL, C. C. P.

The total amount received for rent of the public halls, from July 1st, 1854, to June 1st, 1855.

WEST PHILADELPHIA HALL.

1854.

Aug.		Two days' occupation of room,	- - -	\$4 00
"	31.	" " " "	- - -	15 00
Sept.	18.	One evening's occupation of Assembly room,		10 00
"	"	Three months' " room,	- -	37 50
"	25.	Four evenings' " Assembly room,		40 00
Oct.	9.	One night's " " "		30 00
"	17.	Three months' " Lodge room,		37 50
"	"	One night's " Assembly room,		30 00
"	"	Four evenings' " " "		20 00
Nov.	11.	Three months' " Lodge room,		37 50
"	18.	One night's " Assembly room,		10 00
"	"	One evening's " " "		5 00
"	"	One month's " Store, - -		8 33
Dec.	1.	One evening's " Assembly room,		5 00
"	7.	One night's " " "		10 00
"	8.	" " " " "		10 00
"	29.	Three months' " Lodge room,		27 21
Amount carried forward,				- - -
				<hr/> \$337 04

Amount brought forward,				\$337 04
1855.				
Jan. 4.	One year's occupation of room,	-	150 00	
" "	Three months' " store No. 2,		35 62	
Jan. 23.	Two months' " room No. 7,		25 00	
" "	Nine months' " " No. 9,		75 00	
March 9.	One evening's " Assembly room,		5 00	
" 21.	One night's " " "		30 00	
" 27.	Three months' " room No. 2,		25 00	
Feb. 9.	Three months' " room No. 9,		38 80	
" 27.	" " " 6,		50 00	
April 2.	Two months' " store No. 4,		20 83	
" 7.	Six months' " room No. 9,		50 00	
May 28.	Three months' " " 10,		37 50	
" "	" " " 8,		15 00	
"	One night's " Assembly room,		30 00	
"	Two evenings' " " "		20 00	
"	Three months' " room No. 6,		50 00	
"	One day's " Assembly room,		5 00	
"	One month's " store No. 1,		12 50	
Total,				<u>\$1,012 29</u>

SOUTHWARK HALL.

1854.				
Oct. 28.	One evening's occupation of the Hall room,		\$5 00	
Nov. 18.	Two evenings' " " "		2 00	
Dec. 8.	One week's " " "		20 00	
1855.				
Jan. 4.	One evening's " " "		5 00	
				<u>\$32 00</u>

NORTHERN LIBERTIES HALL.

1855.				
April 5.	One month's rent of cellar,	-	\$12 50	
"	Three month's rent of the third story,		18 75	
				<u>\$31 25</u>

MOYAMENSING HALL.

1855.				
May 1.	One night's occupation of Ball room,		\$6 00	

RECAPITULATION

Of the number of public halls, and revenue derived therefrom, commencing July 1st, 1854, and ending June 1st, 1855.

West Philadelphia Hall,	-	-	-	-	\$1,012 29
Southwark Hall,	-	-	-	-	32 00
Northern Liberties Hall,	-	-	-	-	31 25
Moyamensing Hall,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Spring Garden Hall,					
Penn District Hall,					
Germantown Hall,					
Independence Hall,					
City Hall,					
Commissioners' Hall, Richmond,					
Market Hall, York Street east of Frankford Road,					
Kensington Hall.					

Quarterly Rent Roll and list of City Property under the supervision of this Department.

Location.	Rent per annum.			
1. Tobacco Warehouse, (supposed,)	-	-	-	\$7,000
2. Store No. 1 Dock street,	-	-	-	700
3. Store No. 3 Dock street,	-	-	-	475
4. Store No. 5 Dock street,	-	-	-	475
5. Store No. 7 Dock street,	-	-	-	475
6. Store No. 9 Dock street,	-	-	-	475
7. Store No. 11 Dock street,	-	-	-	475
8. Store No. 13 Dock street,	-	-	-	500
9. Store No. 1 Front street,	-	-	-	350
10. Store No. 2 Front street,	-	-	-	
11. Store No. 3 Front street,	-	-	-	
12. Store No. 4 Front street,	-	-	-	
13. Store No. 5 Front street,	-	-	-	1,850
14. House in Beaver Court, (dwelling part,)	-	-	-	120
15. House in Bickham st., between 16th and 17th sts.,				80
16. House in Bickham st., between 16th and 17th sts.,				80
17. House on Twenty-second and Cherry st., No.				125
18. Store No. 1 West Philadelphia Hall,	-	-	-	100
19. Store No. 2 West Philadelphia Hall,	-	-	-	125
20. Store No. 3 West Philadelphia Hall,	-	-	-	150

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,			
21.	Room No. 4 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	500
22.	Room No. 5 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	500
23.	Room No. 6 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	200
24.	Room No. 7 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	150
25.	Room No. 8 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	60
26.	Room No. 9 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	100
27.	Room No. 10 West Philadelphia Hall,	- -	150
28.	West Philadelphia Hall, corner of Market and Park sts., (for Sunday worship,) - -		125
29.	The Northern Liberty Hall and lot, 86½ feet on Third st., by 114 feet on Brooke st., with a Committee Room. The Mayor's Office also stands on the same lot. On the Brook street front is a brick dwelling, - - - -		516
30.	House No. , in Front street above Noble, -		125
31.	House N. E. corner of Front and Noble streets,		100
32.	Small house N. E. cor. of Northern Liberty Hall,		150
33.	Small house on south side Northern Liberty Hall lot, (see No. 29.)		
34.	Second story of the Northern Liberty Hall, (see No. 29.)		
35.	Vacant lot on Noble street and Washington ave- nue, 120 feet on Noble st. by 38 feet on Wash- ington avenue, (Highways and Water De- partment.)		
36.	Small house No. , Carpenter st., Southwark, -		100
37.	Part of a frame house No. , Carpenter st., do.,		100
38.	Shop on north end of Wharton Market, east side,		
39.	Shop on north end of Wharton Market, W. side,		
40.	Shop on east end of Washington Market, S. side,		
41.	Shop on east end of Washington Market, N. side,		
42.	Southwark Hall, east side of Second st., between Queen and Christian sts., 60 feet front by 45 feet deep, - - - -		150
43.	Lot of ground on which the Hall stands—85 feet on Second st. by 95 feet deep—having a front on a 20 feet street called Sutherland st. Sub- ject to a ground rent of \$332 33, payable to J. Carson on 1st of January each year,		

Amount carried forward,

	Amount brought forward,	\$	
44.	A strip of ground on the west side of Sutherland st., having a front of about 3 feet on Christian st., extending north until it strikes the south line of Hall lot, about 114 feet,		
45.	State House in Chestnut st. between 5th and 6th sts., containing on Chestnut 106 feet 9 inches, by 45 feet deep,		
46.	City Hall, corner of Chestnut and Fifth sts., containing 50 feet on Chestnut st. and 65 feet on Fifth st., - - - - -		7,250
47.	Kensington Hall and offices of Treasurer, Register of Water Works and Clerks, at the corner of Front and Master sts., and lot of ground 200 feet on Front st. and Frankford Road by 200 feet on Master st., on which there is a ground rent of \$250 per annum, - - - - -		150
48.	Moyamensing Hall, situate on the south side of Christian st. between Ninth and Tenth sts.,		
49.	Spring Garden Hall, N. W. corner of Thirteenth and Spring Garden sts., and a work shop,		
50.	Lot on Buttonwood street between Thirteenth and Broad sts., on which is erected a Station House,		
51.	Richmond Hall and lot of ground on which it stands, corner of Fairfield and West sts.,		
52.	Hall attached to market house on York st. east of Frankford Road.		
53.	Lot of ground on West st. and Railroad st.,		
54.	Two story hall and lot on which it stands, N. E. corner of Thompson and Tenth sts., Penn District,		
55.	Lot of ground, 395 feet on Master st. by 189 feet on 18th and 19th sts., on Seybert street		
56.	Lot containing four acres, on Germantown avenue, on which is erected the Hall and lock-up.		
57.	Lot corner of Germantown avenue and Mill st. containing $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres; used as a public square, (not in possession of this department.)		

Amount carried forward,

Amount carried forward,		
south-east lot is 230 feet by 228 feet—the		
south-west lot is 230 feet by 223 feet.		
83.	Independence Square is 510 feet north and south, and 389 feet east and west.	
84.	Washington Square is 540 feet north and south, and 540 feet 4 inches east and west.	
85.	Franklin Square is 632 feet north and south, and 543 feet 6 inches east and west.	
86.	Rittenhouse Square is 540 feet north and south, and 540 feet 4 inches east and west.	
87.	Logan Square is 632 feet north and south, and 540 feet east and west.	
88.	Jefferson Square, Fourth and Washington sts.	
89.	Public square at the corner of Lehigh avenue and Fourth st.—500 feet by 210 feet—called Fair Hill Square.	
90.	The Norris Square, corner of Susquehanna ave- nue and Hancock st.—330 feet by 486 feet.	
91.	Public square, corner of Frankford road and Maiden and Beach sts.—96 feet by 128 feet.	
92.	Dickinson & Fiss, for two ground rents, Lombard st. between Ninth and Tenth sts., - -	90
93.	John McKee, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56
94.	Charles Roth, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56
95.	Thomas Gigan, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56
96.	Samuel K. Ashton, for one ground rent, Lom- bard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., -	56
97.	Joseph Fareira, for two ground rents, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	112
98.	Wm. M. Finney, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56
99.	Wm. P. Stewart, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56
100.	Albert Stewart, for one ground rent, Lombard st. between Tenth and Eleventh sts., - -	56

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,	
about 50 acres, more or less, - - -	600
70. Lot in Penn township, containing two acres, being 130 feet on Charles st., &c.,—occupied as City burial ground.	
71. Lot and houses on Race and Crown sts., 125 feet on Race st. and 240 feet on Crown st., -	350
72. Lot on Spruce and Pine sts., between 20th and 21st sts., 145 feet on 20th and 21st sts. (Market lot.)	
73. Lot on Jones, Filbert and Sixteenth sts., 106 feet on Sixteenth st. by 182 feet on Jones and Filbert sts. (Market lot.)	
74. Lot on Ninth st., containing 100 feet on Ninth st. by 188 feet on Locust st. and Shields' alley. (Market lot.)	
75. Lot on the north side of Chestnut st. between Beach and 23d sts.—240 feet on Chestnut st. and 384 feet on Beach and 23d sts., - -	100
76. Lot north side of Chestnut st., extending from Aspen to 22d st.—180 feet on Chestnut by 163 feet 7 inches on 22d st., - - -	100
77. Lot north side of Chestnut st., extending from 22d to 23d st.—273 feet on Chestnut st. by 384 feet to Bridge Company's lot, - -	50
78. Lot west side of 21st st., between High and Chestnut sts.—130 feet on 21st st. by 180 feet to Aspen st.,	
79. Lot on the north side of High st., on which the gasometer stands, extending from 22d to 23d st.—273 feet on High st. by 306 on 22d st.,	3,000
80. Lot west side of 21st st. between Race and Vine sts.—commencing 204 feet from south side of Vine st., 112 feet on 21st st. by 396 feet to 22d st.,	
81. Lot south side of Vine st, extending from 22d to 21st st.—396 feet on Vine by 102 feet deep,	
82. Penn Square laid off in four lots, viz: The north-west lot is 306 feet by 223 feet—the north-east lot is 306 feet by 228 feet—the	

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,	
58. Lot on Queen st. containing one acre. Used for burial purposes,	
59. Lot of ground containing about 20 acres. Used for Alms-house purposes,	
60. Lot in Frankford district, containing 145 acres of ground—occupied as a poor house—valued at \$25,000,	
61. Town Hall and lot, with a market—brings no revenue,	44
62. Lot in Aramingo, on which the gasometer is located,	
63. Two frame dwellings and stone smith shop, valued at \$5,000 ; rent from two frame dwellings \$50 each,	100
64. Two stores on hall lot, at \$50 each,	56
65. Farm used for the poor—part in Manayunk and part in Roxborough--containing about 20 acres, and has a large stone house and a stone barn. The land is said to be worth \$800 per acre. This property has a front on the Schuylkill river, on the Manayunk turnpike, on the Norristown railroad, on the Ridge turnpike, and on the old Philadelphia and Reading railroad. Is subject to a mortgage of \$3,500 to P. Scravendike. (Not in possession of this department.)	
66. A very valuable farm of over 40 acres of ground, with good improvements, &c. The title is in the Overseers of the Poor of Roxborough. The farm is worth from \$10,000 to 12,000, and is incumbered for about \$3,000. It was formerly used for a poor house, but of late years has been rented as a farm at \$ (Not in possession of this department.)	
67. Large frame building and two acres of ground in Bridesburg,	100
68. Stone school house and lot of ground in Bridesburg.	
69. Lemon Hill estate in Penn township, containing	

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,					
101.	Wm. H. Gray, for one ground rent, Tenth st. below Lombard st.,	-	-	-	81
102.	Pennsylvania Railroad, for one ground rent, West Philadelphia,	-	-	-	5,700
103.	Elishib Tracey, for ground rents, on four lots in Spring Garden,	-	-	-	900
104.	House No. 161 Race st.,	-	-	-	250
105.	House No. 77 north Fifth st.,	-	-	-	300
106.	House No. 1 Crown st.,	-	-	-	250
107.	House No. 2 do	-	-	-	250
108.	House No. 3 do	-	-	-	275
109.	House No. 4 do	-	-	-	250
110.	Four small houses in Richardson court,	-	-	-	360

\$38,440

111. There is a lot with buildings thereon in the District of Spring Garden, fenced in, containing a square of ground, occupied as an hospital for cholera and small pox diseases, yielding no revenue, and formerly under the supervision of the Board of Health.
112. Hunting Park, situated on the N. E. corner of Old York road and Nectour lane, containing 43 acres and 21 square perches.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER. }
Philadelphia, May 28, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils:

In accordance with request of Councils, the following statement is furnished :

Amount of water duplicate for 1855,	-	\$330,821	49
April 30, paid to City Treasurer on account of duplicate,	-	\$250,789	24
May 26, do do	6,770	50	
		<hr/>	257,559 74
Amount outstanding,	-	\$73,261	75

May 26, paid to City Treasurer on account of duplicate, - - - - -	257,559 74
May 26, paid to City Treasurer on account of penalty collected, - - - - -	1,102 39
May 26, paid to City Treasurer on account of new permits, - - - - -	9,775 41
May 26, paid to City Treasurer on account of iron pipes, - - - - -	2,042 02
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Whole amount paid in to date,	\$270,479 56

Of the amount outstanding, I estimate 75 per cent. at least will be collected prior to July 1st, and the balance before September. Of the receipts from other sources for the remainder of the year, they may be estimated, based on the completion of the 24th Ward water works within the next 40 days, as follows:

From fractional rents on new permits, - - - - -	\$20,000 00
From iron pipes, - - - - -	95,000 00
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	\$115,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. McMAHAN, *Register.*

APPENDIX No. 15.

AN ORDINANCE

To establish a Market in the Twenty-second Ward.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the north-east side of Germantown avenue between Centre and Mill streets be and the same is hereby appropriated as a market stand.

SECT. 2. That the market may be held every day throughout the year, except Sundays, from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock, A. M., and on Saturday from 6 to 9 o'clock, P. M.

SECT. 3. That no steelyards shall be used within the limits of said market, and provisions of every kind sold by weight or measure shall be weighed or measured by weights or measures duly regulated or stamped according to law, and if any person shall be guilty of selling by steelyards or weights and measures not regulated and stamped as aforesaid, or by scales falsely balanced, he, she or they shall forfeit such steelyards, weights, measures and scales, and shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars.

SECT. 4. That if any person or persons shall offer for sale any articles of marketing in any of the streets, lanes, roads or alleys within the limits of Washington avenue, Wissahickon and Bristol streets, in the Twenty-second Ward, during market hours, he, she or they so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars.

SECT. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Highways to have Germantown avenue, from Centre to Mill street cleansed at least twice during each week, and to remove all the filth, dirt and offal created by the market, and to deposit the same in such place as the Commissioner of Highways may direct.

SECT. 6. That all fines and penalties incurred under this ordinance shall be recoverable before any alderman in the City, one-half to the person prosecuting for the same, and the other half to the use of the City.

SECT. 7. That Washington street, between Park and William streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward be and the same is hereby appropriated as a stand for market wagons, under such rules and regulations as govern other street market stands.

APPENDIX NO. 16.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND FIRE
ALARM TELEGRAPH.

To the President and Member of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—The committee appointed May 31, 1855, by resolution of that date, to inquire of the contractors for the construction of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph upon what terms they would relinquish said contract, beg leave to report :

That we have had an interview with Messrs. Phillips & Robinson, who informed us, for reasons more fully detailed in their communication to us, which we herewith submit, that they cannot relinquish their contract with the City. They also informed us that Mr. Purdy, one of the original contractors, had conveyed his interest to other persons.

We have examined the contract, and although that was not the purpose for which we were appointed, yet we may be permitted to say that in our judgement it has been entered into without properly guarding the interest of the City. The contractors are required to furnish 150 signal boxes to complete the whole apparatus, but if a less number shall be determined upon, a deduction of \$25 shall be made for each one less than that number from the \$36,300—that being the sum which they are to receive.

The question arises, who is to direct, supervise or control the construction of this work, or determine what number less than 150 signal boxes are required, if any, and what streets the wires shall be extended along. Upon these questions the contract is silent, and the whole management is left with the contractors. We therefore submit the following resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine the material used in the construction of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, now under contract by Messrs. Purdy, Phillips & Robinson, as they progress with the work ; and said committee may report to Councils, from time to time, such matter as they may deem of public interest, and to this end the Solicitor is hereby requested to furnish said committee with a certified copy of the contract aforesaid.

Yours, respectfully,

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *chairman*,

JAMES M. GIBSON,

GEORGE F. GORDON.

PHILADELPHIA, June 13, 1855.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, Esq., *Chairman of the Special Committee,
&c., of Common Council :*

SIR—In answer to your verbal proposition, contained in the following interrogatories, viz :—“ Will you relinquish your contract with the City of Philadelphia to erect a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph ?” “ and, if so, upon what terms ?” we answer—that the contract made by ourselves with the City was the result of long and careful deliberation. The proposition to erect a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph was first submitted to the authorities of the Old City, and subsequently, to the Select and Common Councils of the Consolidated City, where it was under consideration and discussion for nearly a year.

After the contract was made under the joint resolution of April 3d, we made our sub-contracts and arrangements for its fulfillment. The materials for the work are on hand, and we are ready and anxious to put the system in successful operation. This anxiety is not alone induced by the consideration named in the contract. We believe the proposed telegraphs possess advantages over all others, combining the good points of those now in operation ; and its successful establishment in Philadelphia, will be the means of its introduction into all the large cities of the Union ; its *abandonment* by Philadelphia will be a verdict, without trial, against the whole system. When it is remembered that this is the business, probably, of our lives, in which all our capital and energies are engaged, we cannot be supposed to be indifferent to the result.

The terms of the contract required from us bonds for its faithful fulfillment on our part ; those bonds have been given. We have complied thus far with a portion of the stipulations of the contract, and decline to make any proposition for its abandonment.

Having agreed to take the City bonds at par for the work, its construction does not materially affect the finances of the City, and we may be pardoned for suggesting that sound policy, and regard for the safety of the persons and property of our citizens, enjoins upon the authorities the importance of availing themselves of so valuable an auxiliary to their protection.

Respectfully yours,

PHILLIPS & ROBINSON,
(*Late Purdy, Phillips & Robinson.*)

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property.
April 13.	False alarm.					
" 14.	False alarm.					
" 14.	Federal and Mud Lane, . . .	1	One story frame shed and ton of hay.	Incendiary, . . .	875	\$25
" 14.	Hutchinson above Thompson, .	5	Brick dwelling and furniture, .	Accidental, . . .	350	200
" 14.	No. 541 North Second Street, .	5	Frame house and dry goods . .	Supposed accidental, .	74	1,500
" 14.	Holmesburg, . . .	5	One story frame house. . .	Supposed incendiary, .	200	
" 14.	William and Market Streets, .	7	Large brick stable, hay and feed,	Supposed incendiary, .	1,500	
" 17.	Shoemaker's Court, . . .	5	Shavings in cellar, . . .	Supposed incendiary, .		3
" 18.	Cadwalader above Jefferson, .	5	Two frame houses and furniture,	Supposed accidental, .	1,300	300
" 18.	Buttonwood Lane. Aramingo, .	5	Frame house,	Incendiary, . . .	300	
" 19.	Cherry above Twelfth Street, .	5	Brick dwelling and furniture, .	Sparks from chimney, .	163	100
" 21.	Bristol Pike, above Frankford, .	5	Barracks of hay,	Supposed incendiary, .		100
" 21.	S. E. cor. of Rachel and Laurel.	5	Brick smoke-house and lot of hams.	Ham falling in fire, .	25	291
" 21.	Southwark Street below Eighth.	1	Frame stable and hay,	Supposed incendiary, .	225	
" 22.	Between Seventh and Eighth.					
" 22.	Bedford and South,	1	Frame building,	Incendiary, . . .		
" 22.	Germantown Road bet. Second.	5	Brick dwelling,	Hot ashes in closet, .	50	
" 23.	Twenty-third and Callowhill Sts.	4	One frame and brick building, and furniture,	Could not be ascert'd,	3,500	2,000
" 25.	False alarm.					
" 26.	Seventh and Germantown Road.	5	Two stables, hay, feed and seven horses, and wagons, and four brick dwellings and furniture, }	Supposed accidental, .	3,500	3,000
" 29.	Beach below Shackamaxon St.,	5	Cotton lap factory,	Not ascertained, . .	300	
" 29.	West Logan Square,	5	Dwelling and furniture, . . .	Curtains accidentally fired	10	125
" 30.	Twelfth and Buttonwood Streets.	5	Patterns in iron foundry, . .	Fired by casting, . .		20
May " 2.	Thirteenth and Bedford Streets,	1	Small liquor store,	Not ascertained, . .		
" 2.	Twenty-fourth and Sp. Garden,	4	Omni-bus stables, hay and feed, and four brick dwellings, . . .	Incendiary, . . .	7,200	1,100
" 2.	Thirteenth and Bedford Streets.	1	Liquor store and stock, . . .	Not ascertained, . .	50	50
" 2.	Shippen above Eighteenth Street.	1	Six dwelling houses,	Incendiary, . . .	1,010	
" 3.	Fourth above Cherry Street, .	5	Rubbish in cellar,	Incendiary, . . .		
" 3.	Third above Willow Street, .	4	Clothing warehouse,	Not ascertained, . .		1,500
" 4.	Race above Broad Street, . .	5	Roof of public school and dwelling.	Sparks from chimney, .	15	
" 6.	Perry near Thompson Street, .	5	Weaver shop,	Supposed accidental, .		
" 6.	Twelfth and Milton Streets, .	1	Heap of shavings,			
" 6.	Welsh Road, near Bustleton, .	5	Barn,	Incendiary, . . .	225	
" 7.	New Market and Brown Streets,	4	Bonfire,			
" 8.	Chestnut above Sixth Street, .	2	Segar store,	Uncertain, . . .	5	43
" 10.	North Penn Village,	0	Bed,	Accidental, . . .		50
" 11.	Callowhill between Twentieth and Twenty-first Streets, .	4	Cotton factory,	Incendiary, . . .	2	
" 11.	False alarm.					
" 11.	Third above Poplar Street, . .	5	Looking-glass frame manufactory,	Accidental, . . .		5
" 14.	Redwood bet. Fifth and Sixth St.	1	Carpenter shop and eight brick dwellings,	Segar,	810	50
" 15.	Spring Garden near Fifteenth, .	4	Stable and brick dwellings, . .	Incendiary, . . .	106	25
" 16.	Catharine near Second Street, .	1	Brick dwelling,	Sparks from chimney, .		
" 16.	S. W. corner of Fourth and Race.	3	Brick dwelling and book store, .	Accidental, . . .	100	600
" 17.	South and Water Sts., Schuylkill.	1	Counting-house, books and papers	Supposed set on fire, .	300	600
" 18.	Second and Chestnut Streets, .	2	Brick building and stationery store,	Caught from gas, . .	50	3,212

No. 17.

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
Gordon & Gooldy,	Gordon & Gooldy,	None			
Isaac Shotwell,	Isaac Shotwell,	\$350		Girard Fire Insurance.	
J. & M. Haig,	Mrs. Stauffer,	74		Fire Association, . . .	Extinguished by Citizens.
Mr. Lewis,		None			
James Matthews,	James Matthews,	1,200		Fire Association.	
		None			
Jas. Hawthorn and Somers } & Snodgrass, }	Henry Crostiek,	500		Mechanics' Office.	
Michael Newbold,		None			
Dr. Weatherall,	Dr. Stewart,	163		American Fire Insurance.	
Thomas Kenton,	Thomas Kenton,		\$100	Independent Mutual Of- fice of Bucks Co.	
David Adams,	C. C. Sudler,	25	291	N. Amer. and Fire Ass'n.	
Mr. Harrigan,	Mr. Harrigan,	50		Franklin Fire Insurance.	
Church of Crucifixion, . . .		None			
Mrs. Craig,	Mrs. Craig,				
Patrick Carrigan,	Patrick Carrigan,	1,500	1,000	Amer. and Penna. Office.	
Jno. Purcell, J. A. Brolasky } and Mrs. Cope, }	J. Ott, J. Landes, J. Jack- son, J. Brooks, J. Cope, R. Taylor, Mr. Kline, Mr. Smith, Mr. Castill, Mr. Myers, Mr. Snyder, }	1,700		Germantown Mutual.	
Burtis, Kent & Bushton, . .		None			
Henry R. Raigual,	Henry R. Raigual,	10	125	Fire Association and In- dependent Mutual.	Extinguished by Neighbors.
		None			
Mr. McFadden, Mr. Morfitt, } Mr. Hickenbottom & Shri- ver & Co. }	Mr. McFadden, Mr. Morfitt, Mr. Hickenbottom, Shriver & Co.	2,150	600	American, Fire Associa- tion and State Mutual	
James Reilly,	James Brady,		50	North Western Office.	
Mr. O. Donnally, Mr. Wilson } and Mr. Cassiday, . . . }		1,010		Fire Association & Frank- lin Fire.	
	Mayer & Brother,	15	1,500	Delaware Mutual.	
John H. Ingham,		75		Indepen't Mutual, Bucks County.	Extinguished by Citizens.
Dr. David Jayne,	Mr. Jonas,	5	4	North Western Office.	
	Mr. Brainbridge,	None			
		2			Extinguished by Private Watch.
	Mr. Lentz,	None			Extinguished by Police.
John Gallagher and E. Jones, } Hiram Christy and James } Shannon, }	Mrs. Smith, Mr. Anchen- beck, Mr. Bayn & Mr. Craft, }	310		Fire Association.	
	Hiram Christy,	31		Fire Association.	
Joshua Lippincott,	Perry & Erety & F. Kennady.	100	6,000	Fire Ass'n, N. Amer., Del. Mutual, and Sp. Garden.	
School & Forrest,	School & Forrest,	None			
Nathan Jones,	Richard Magee,	50	3,213	Royal, Frank., Eq., N. Am.	

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property
May 19.	Eighth and Southwark streets,	1	Board yard,	Set on fire,		
" 19.	Eighth and Catharine streets,	1	Ash box in dwelling,	Hot ashes,		
" 19.	No. 6 Gold street.	2	Brick building,	Caught from forge,	25	
" 20.	Third below German street, . .	1	Frame dwelling,	Incendiary,	5	
" 21.	No. 106 North Fourth street, . .	3	Brick building and furniture, . .	Caught from matches,	10	550
" 23.	Back of 851 North Fourth street,	5	Brick cabinetmaker shop and stock,	Not ascertained,	240	400
" 23.	Ridge avenue and Willow st., .	4	Plaster mill, blacksmith shop, hay, &c.,	Supposed caught from engine,	740	500
" 23.	Passyunk road bel. Catharine,	1	Shavings in cellar,	Accidental,		
" 24.	Broad and Buttonwood sts., . .	4	Brick building and stock,	Supposed accidental,	550	1,000
" 24.	Paul below Green, Frankford, . .	5	Dwelling,	Accidental,	30	100
" 25.	Southwark street bel. Eighth, . .	1	Two stables, hay and harness, . .	Incendiary,	150	50
" 25.	Smith's alley,	4	Dwelling house,	Not ascertained,		
" 25.	No. 16 Wallace street,	4	Brick dwelling house,	Sparks from chimney,	125	
" 25.	False alarm.					
" 26.	West of Wire Bridge,	7	Glass works, boat shed, &c., . . .	Incendiary,	2,425	6,800
" 27.	Cadwalader street,	5	Chimney burning.			
" 27.	Fourth below Gaskill street, . .	1	Four dwelling houses and furniture	Supposed accidental,	520	325
" 28.	Lombard below Fourth street, . .	1	Dwelling house,	Sparks from chimney,	10	
" 31.	No. 2 South Tenth street,	2	Brick building,	Chemical preparation,	20	3
" 31.	Hudson's alley and Harmony et., .	2	Shavings in house,	Accidental,		
" 31.	Tenth and Bonsal streets,	1	Yard fence,	Hot ashes,	25	
June 1.	Rolandville near Frankford, . .	5	Saw factory,	Steam fire blower,	30	
" 6.	Dilwyn street above Callowhill, .	4	Window shade room,	Spontaneous combus.		
" 9.	Corner Fifteenth and Lombard, . .	1	Dwelling house and books,	Spontaneous combus.	5	3
" 9.	Franklin and Vine streets,	1	Load of hay,	Set on fire,		15
" 10.	South below Eighth,	2	Two story brick house and store,	Stove pipe igniting clothing,		75
" 13.	False alarm.					
" 14.	Lemon Hill,	6	Ice house,	Not ascertained,	6,000	4,000
" 14.	False alarm.					
" 14.	Union above Second street, . . .	2	Dwelling,	Accidental,	20	
" 15.	Front and Callowhill streets, . .	4	Barber shop,	Defective chimney,	5	
" 15.	False alarm.					
" 15.	Germantown rd., above Master,	5	Liquor store,	Not ascertained,	50	200
" 15.	Broad above Willow,	4	Shavings in foundry,	Accidental,		
" 15.	No. 323 Race street,	2	Three story brick house,	Sparks from chimney,	450	300
" 15.	Water and Walnut streets,	2	Bed and curtain,	Caught from lamp,		
" 16.	False alarm.					
" 16.	Pine and Fothergill streets, . . .	2	In cellar of provision store, . . .	Incendiary,		10
" 17.	New Market and Noble streets, . .	4	Frame house,	Not ascertained,		
" 17.	Fifth and Vine streets,	3	Shavings in cellar,	Accidental,		
" 18.	False alarm.					
" 18.	Second and Tammany streets, . .	4	Old paper,	Accidental,		2
" 20.	Cabot street near Sixteenth, . . .	6	Dwelling,	Furnace in cellar,		
" 21.	Second and Relief streets,	1	Carboy of acid in drug store,	Carboy bursting,		2
" 21.	Heritage Place,	3	Nothing in dwelling house,	Caught from lamp,		
" 22.	No. 14 North Front street,	2	Carboy of vitriol and salt,	Carboy bursting,		
" 22.	Front above Otter street,	5	Window curtains and wood work,	Caught from lamp,		10
" 24.	Federal between Sixth and Sev- enth streets,	1	Frame stable and horse,	Incendiary,	200	100
" 24.	Schuytkill, by Fountain Green.	6	Ice house,	Incendiary,	2,500	
" 25.	False alarm.					
" 27.	New Market above Noble street,	4	Carpenter shop and dwelling, . .	Set on fire,	350	100
" 27.	Perry near Franklin street,	5	Frame stable,	Fire crackers,	250	

OF FIRES, &c.,

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
.	Mr Dutton.				
.	Joseph Allen.				
Mr. Fontanges, . . . . .	. . . . .	25		Phila. Contributionship.	
Samuel Mintzer, . . . . .	. . . . .	None			
John Donnally,	John Donnally,	10	550	N. Western & Mer. Office.	
Nicholas Seiber,	Theodore Hook,	220		Fire Association.	
Davis, Green and Terrell } & Thomas, }	Davis, Green & Co.,	640	100	Merchants' Office and Fire Association.	
Mr. Burkhardt,	Burnam & Co.,	None			
.	Misses Cooper,	30		Frankford Mutual Office.	
James Caraker and Mr. } McCloskey, }	James Caraker,	None			
Mr. Hartly, . . . . .	. . . . .	125			Extinguished by Police.
Lewis Voight, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Harding,	Lewis Voight,	2,000	5,500	North Western, Keystone and Merchants'.	
Mrs. Brooks,	Mr. Leonholdt, Edwd. Scott, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Nicholou.	520	75	Harrisburg Mutual, and Phila. Contributionship	
. . . . .	. . . . .	10			
Mrs. Wilson,	E. Lye,	20		Fire Association.	
Mrs. Ward, . . . . .	. . . . .	25		Mutual Office.	
W. & H. Rowland, . . . . .	. . . . .	30		Pennsylvania Office.	
Wm. Fennell,	Wm. Fennell,	5	3		
. . . . .	. . . . .	None			
W. H. Kern, . . . . .	. . . . .	3,000	1,500	Franklin Fire.	
Mr. Wilson, . . . . .	. . . . .	20			
Mr. Morgan, . . . . .	. . . . .	5		Fire Association.	
John Forsythe,	John Forsythe,	50		Franklin Fire.	
Mr. Gault,	Mr. Atkin,	450		Franklin Fire.	
.	Alfred McCully,		10	Pennsylvania Office.	
.	H. K. Logan.				
.	Hund & Co.				
.	John R. Savage & Co.		10	Franklin Fire Insurance.	Extng. by Pol.
Mr. Shaffer,	Mr. Smith,	None			
D. B. Kershaw & Co., . . . . .	. . . . .	1,000		Merchants Fire Insurance of New York.	
Wm. Hall, and Mrs. Clark,	John Cummings,	50		Phila. Contributionship.	
Solomon Wagner, . . . . .	. . . . .	None			

STATEMENT

DATE. 1855.	LOCATION.	District.	Amount and kind of Property.	Cause of Fire.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real Estate.	Personal Property
June 28,	Market above Seventh street	3	Liquor,	Still bursting, . . .		30
" 28,	Broad and Wallace streets, .	4	3-story brick building and laundry	Not ascertained, . .	1500	2000
" 28,	Broad below Wallace street, .	4	Sawmill and sash factory, . . .	Caught from above fire	3000	5275
" 29,	False alarm.					
" 29,	Brown above Fourth street, .	4	Saw & planing mill, Union Hall building, Zion African Church, coach factory, six dwellings, furniture, machinery & stock, }	Friction of machinery,	14350	15250

OF FIRES, &c.

Owners of Real Estate.	Owners of Personal Property.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE.		Where Insured.	Remarks.
		Real Estate.	Personal Property.		
C. Kockersperger & Co., Robert Arthur & Co.,	J. Kirkpatrick & Co., C. Kockersperger & Co., Robert Arthur, Sheeron & Smith, Mr. Van Dresar, & H. M. Hammond,	1500 2200	30 680 3875	Pennsylvania Office. Sp. Garden and Franklin. Merchants, Exchange, and Franklin Fire In- surance.	
A. Lincoln, Trustees of Union Hall, Zoar African Church, John Wagner, Geo. Brickman, J. G. Con- rad, Thomas Hawkinson and David Rantshler,	A. Lincoln, Riebel & Lincoln, Brooks & Cromberger, Fisher & Getz, John Wag- ner, Zoar Church, Wm. P. Davidson, E. G. Brick, Mrs. S. Sunheimer, Chas. Brickman, Frederick Rau and David Rantshler,	11050	4000	Merchants, Cash Mutu- al, Royal, County In- surance, Sp. Garden, American Fire Insu- rance, State Mutual, Provincial, Common- wealth, Delaware Mutu- al, Fire Association and Franklin Fire In- surance.	

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.							Burning Chimney.	Department called out.	Department in actual service.	Estimated Loss on Real Estate.	Estimated Loss on Personal Property.	Total estimated Loss.	Insurance on Real Estate.	Insurance on Personal Property.	Total Insurance.	Estimated Loss on Real Estate over Insurance.	Estimated Loss on Personal Property over Insurance.	Total estimated loss over Insurance.
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.	Total.											
1855.																			
April, - -	3		3	2	10		1	19	3	16	\$11572	\$7664	\$19236	\$5572	\$1516	\$7088	\$6000	\$6148	\$12,148
May, - -	12	8	4	9	5	1	1	40	2	27	14748	22934	37682	7373	18901	26364	7375	3913	11,318
June, - -		6	6	10	4	3	29	7	34	19	28710	27302	56072	19360	10998	30358	9350	16364	25,714
Total for the Quarter,	15	14	13	21	19	4	2	88	12	62	55030	57960	112990	32305	31495	63810	22725	26455	49,180

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$4,200	\$1,420	\$2,780
Second do. -	4,353	4,024	329
Third do. -	7,796	7,378	418
Fourth do. -	60,396	32,043	28,353
Fifth do. -	12,970	3,445	9,525
Sixth do. -	12,550	5,500	7,050
Seventh do. -	10,725	10,000	725
Total, - - -	\$112,990	\$63,810	\$49,180

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE APPARATUS, July 1st, 1855.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.	APPARATUS.	NUMBER OF FEET OF HOSE.	CONDITION.	REMARKS.
America Engine, -	One 2d class engine & 2-wheeled tender,	400	All in serviceable order	2d class engine rebuild'd.
America Hose, -	One 4-wheeled carriage,	1350	do	
Columbia Engine, -	One 2-wheeled tender,	700	do	
Columbia Engine of Ger- mantown, -	One 2d class engine & 4-wheeled carriage,	500 good	do	
Diligent Engine, -	One 1st class, one 2d class engine, and 2-wheeled tender,	1050	do	
Delaware Engine, -	One 1st class engine,	250	do	
Decatur Engine, -	One 2d class suction engine, new, one old, and 4-wheeled carriage,	1000	do	
Empire Hook and Ladder.	One truck, 150 ft. ladders, hooks, axes, &c.	150	do	
Excelsior Hook and Ladder.	One truck, 142 feet ladders, hooks, axes, buckets, &c.,		do	
Fairmount Engine, -	One 2d class engine & 4-wheeled carriage,	650	do	
Fairmount Hose, -	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	900	do	
Friendship Engine, -	One 2d class engine & 2-wheeled tender,	400	do	
Franklin Engine, -	One 2d class engine,	150	do	
Franklin Engine of German- town, -	One 2d class engine,	150	do	
Franklin Engine of Frank- ford, -	One 2d class suction engine & 4-wheeled carriage,	625	do	
Franklin Hose, -	Two 4-wheeled carriages,	1000	do	
Fellowship Engine, -	One 2d class suction engine & 4-wheeled carriage,		do	
Good Intent Engine of Rox- borough, -	One bucket wagon and 50 buckets,	600 new	500 old	
Globe Engine, -	One 2d class engine & 2-wheeled tender,	100	do	[in order. One 2d class engine, not being- 4-wheeled carriage build-
Germanatown Hose, -	One 4-wheeled carriage,	600	do	
Hope Engine, -	One 2d class engine & 4-wheeled carriage,	500	do	
Hand-in-Hand Engine, -	One 2d class engine,	550	do	
Independence Engine, -		200	do	

GENERAL SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.			Engine Companies.	Hose Companies.	Hook and Ladder Companies.		1st Class Engines.	2d Class Engines.	Suctions.	4-wheeled Hose Carriages.	2-wheeled Hose Carriages.	Trucks.	No. feet of Hose.	No. feet of Ladders.
First, - -	-	-	2	4				1		5			3,850	
Second, -	-	-	2	5		1	1	1		6			7,420	
Third, - -	-	-	6	4	1	1	6			4	3	1	7,810	150
Fourth, -	-	-	3	2			3			3	2		3,300	
Fifth, - -	-	-	6	1	3		2	4	5	2	2	3	4,890	411
Sixth, - -	-	-	7	2			5		2	4			3,880	
Seventh, -	-	-	1		1				1			1	250	142
Total, - -	-	-	27	18	5	2	18	7	27	7	7	5	31,400	703

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the eighth section of the Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I beg leave to submit the foregoing Quarterly Report of Fires occurring in the City during the last three months, together with the condition of the Apparatus of the several Companies composing the Department.

Very respectfully, yours,

B. A. SHOEMAKER,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia

APPENDIX NO 18.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS RELATIVE TO A
CULVERT IN MOORE STREET.*To the Select and Common Councils :*

The Committee on Public Highways report :

That by a resolution of Councils, passed the 8th of March last, the Chief Commissioner of Highways was directed to invite proposals for the construction of certain main culverts, and “ directing that the plans and proposals for the construction of the same shall be submitted to the Committee on Public Highways, who shall report the same to Councils before action being taken on the same, and, *Provided*, that the payment for the said contracts shall be made in certificates of City Loan.”

In pursuance of the foregoing directions, a plan and specifications was prepared by the Survey Department for a culvert in Moore Street, in the First Ward, to extend from Swanson to Ninth Street, and by public advertisement proposals were asked for the construction of the same.

The plan and specifications, together with the proposals received, are herewith transmitted in accordance with the resolution ; and to enable Councils to judge of the aggregate cost of the work under the several bids, a calculation, based upon estimates furnished by the Chief Surveyor, of amount of work of the principal items named in the specifications, gives the following result for the whole culvert, to wit :

Thomas C. Nesbit, \$47,077 95	James McCloskey, 16,127 86
Andrew Hague, 20,150 25	Robert Pickens, 15,806 00
Thomas R. White, 19,904 61	Lane Schofield, 14,812 55*
Edward V. Gillett, 17,241 32	L. D. Fuller, 15,246 30
James McKenna, 17,020 10	Griffith & Blair, 12,742 75

Which are submitted for the action of Councils.

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>chairman</i> ,	GEO. A. BINDER,
D. C. ENOS,	ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
A. F. HOPPEL,	WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,	B. R. MILLER,
W. H. STOKES,	P. A. KEYSER.

July 12th 1855.

* No bid for masonry.

TABLE OF PROPOSALS.

	8000	885	1613	1175	647	20	200		8	60	300
	Excavation.	Sewer, 3 feet.	Sewer, 4 feet.	Sewer, 5 feet.	Sewer, 5 feet 6 inches.	Inlets.	Connections.	Timber.	Man-hole. Shafts.	Tunneling.	Masonry.
Thomas C. Nesbit,	35	\$7 30	\$7 75	\$12 15	\$12 35	\$75 00	\$1 00	24	\$1 10	\$7 50	\$3 00
Thomas R. White,	55	2 37	2 62	3 50	3 80	56 00	2 20	24	1 32	3 75	2 75
Lane Schofield,	35	1 75	2 10	2 50	4 00	70 00	inc.	10 00	2 85		
Andrew Hague,	20	3 00	3 50	4 00	4 25	75 00	2 00	\$20 00			3 00
Edward V. Gillette,	38	2 07	2 57	3 06	3 28	60 00	2 07	20	1 64	3 52	2 27
James McKenna,	36	2 05	2 55	3 06	3 28	60 00	2 05	18	1 62	3 50	2 25
James McCloskey,	14	2 35	2 85	3 22	3 48	47 00	1 73	20	1 73	2 00	3 00
L. D. Fuller,	35	1 75	2 10	2 50	3 25	60 00	2 00	20	1 64	2 00	2 50
Robert Pickens,	13½	2 33	2 80	3 25	3 40	45 00	1 70	25	1 75	1 90	3 25
Griffith & Blair,	24	1 47	1 70	2 10	2 60	30 00	80	18	75	2 00	2 50

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855.

Proposal for building Moore Street Culvert.

GENTLEMEN—I agree to build the said culvert at the following prices :

Excavation, per cubic yard, - - - -	\$00 35
Sewers, per lineal foot :	
Size, 5 feet 6 inches in diameter, per lineal foot,	12 35
“ 5 feet “ “ “	12 15
“ 4 feet “ “ “	7 75
“ 3 feet “ “ “	7 30
Inlets each, from face of back wall outward, 5 feet,	75 00
Inlet connections, 2 feet in diameter, per lineal foot,	1 00
Timber, per cubic foot, - - - -	24
Man-hole shafts, per lineal foot, - - - -	1 10
Tunneling, “ “ - - - -	7 50
Masonry, per perch of 25 cubic feet, - - -	3 00

Yours,

THOS. C. NESBITT, No. 650 south 4th street.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855.

To the Chief Commissioner of Highways :

DEAR SIR—The undersigned respectfully proposes to build the Culvert on Moore street, in accordance with the plans and specifications, at the following prices :

To laying and furnishing all materials to build a 5½	
feet culvert, per lineal foot, - - - -	\$4 25
Excavation, per cubic yard, - - - -	20
Masonry, including all materials, per perch, -	3 00
Timber, per thousand, - - - -	20 00
Inlets, 4 inch wall connections, - - - -	2 00
Inlets each, - - - -	75 00
To building 5 feet culvert, per lineal foot, including	
all materials, - - - -	4 00
4 feet culvert, do do do	3 50
3 feet culvert, do do do	3 00

And for all other items the same as is bid in connection for the 5½ feet culvert ; and should there be any tunneling the estimate of the engineer will be taken for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW HAGUE.

Good and sufficient security will be given, if required.

The subscribers hereby propose to build the Culvert from Swanson to Ninth Street, and find the materials, according to the plan and published specifications, viz :

For a 9 inch culvert, 5 ft. 6 inch diameter, per lineal ft.,	\$3 80
“ “ 5 feet diameter “ “	3 50
“ “ 4 feet “ “	2 62½
“ “ 3 feet “ “	2 37½

All the above diameters to be in the clear inside.

For excavations, filling up, ramming and hauling dirt left, 55 cents a yard.

For building the tunneling part, if any, and materials, \$3 75 per lineal foot.

For connections of drains with sewers per extra, as also sewers and drains met with, according to amount required.

For man-hole shafts, per lineal foot, \$1 32.

For inlets, as per specifications, \$56 per piece.

For inlet connections, of 2 feet 6 inches diameter, \$2 20 per lineal foot.

Timber, per superficial foot, two cents.

For masonry and materials, per perch of 25 cubic feet, \$2 75.

And for the faithful performance of which they stand prepared, if it shall be required, to furnish ample security.

THOS. R. WHITE,

MICHAEL M. ANDRY, Coates and Tamarind Sts.

Philadelphia, June 18th, 1855.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855.

To the Commissioners of Highways :

GENTLEMEN—I propose to build the Culvert in Moore Street from Swanson to Ninth Street, according to your advertisement and specification, of the following dimensions, for the following prices :

For excavation, per cubic yard, - - -	\$00 38
Culvert from Swanson to Front street, 647 feet, 5 feet 6 inches, per lineal foot, - - -	3 28
Culvert from Front to Jefferson Avenue, 1175 feet, 5 feet, per lineal foot, - - -	3 06
Culvert from Jefferson Avenue to Seventh Street, 1613 feet, 4 feet, per lineal foot, - - -	2 57

Culvert from Seventh to Ninth Street, 885 feet, 3 feet,	
per lineal foot, - - - - -	\$2 07
Inlets, from face of back wall out, each, - - -	60 00
Inlet connection, 2 feet 6 inches in diameter, per lineal	
foot, - - - - -	2 07
Man-hole shaft, per lineal foot, - - - - -	1 64
Timber, per cubic foot, - - - - -	20
Tunneling, per lineal foot, - - - - -	3 52
Masonry, per perch, of 25 cubic feet, - - -	2 27

All the above work to be done in the most durable manner, according to the instructions of the Surveyor or Engineer superintending the work, including all the filling, ramming, draining and repaving streets, for the prices above mentioned.

EDWARD V. GILLETT.

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PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855.

To the Commissioners of Highways :

GENTLEMEN—I propose to build the Culvert in Moore Street, from Swanson to Ninth Street, according to your advertisement and specification, of the following dimensions, for the following prices :

For excavation, per cubic yard, - - - - -	\$00 36
Culvert from Swanson to Front Street, 647 feet, 5 feet	
6 inches, per lineal foot, - - - - -	3 28
Culvert from Front to Jefferson Avenue, 1175 feet, 5	
feet, per lineal foot, - - - - -	3 06
Culvert from Jefferson Avenue to Seventh Street, 1613	
feet, 4 feet, per lineal foot, - - - - -	2 55
Culvert from Seventh to Ninth Street, 885 feet, 3 feet,	
per lineal foot, - - - - -	2 05
Inlets, from face of back wall out, each, - - -	60 00
Inlet connections, 2 feet 6 inches in diameter, per lineal	
foot, - - - - -	2 05
Man-hole shafts, per lineal foot, - - - - -	1 62
Timber, per cubic foot, - - - - -	18
Tunneling, per lineal foot, - - - - -	3 50
Masonry, per perch, of 25 cubic feet, - - -	2 25

All the above work to be done in the most durable manner, according to the instructions of the Surveyor or Engineer superintending the work, including all the filling, ramming, draining and repaving streets, for the prices above mentioned.

JAMES McKENNA.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15th, 1855.

To Thos. Birch, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways :

DEAR SIR—I hereby propose and agree to construct the Culvert on Moore Street, according to plans and specifications, at the following prices, viz :

Excavation, - - -	[14]	\$00 44	per cubic yard.
Sewers, 5 feet 6 inches diameter,		3 48	per lineal foot.
“ 5 feet “ -		3 22	“ “
“ 4 feet “ -		2 85	“ “
“ 3 feet “ -		2 35	“ “
Inlets each, - - - -		47 00	
Inlet connections, 2 feet 6 inches,		1 73	per lineal foot.
Timber, - - - - -		20	per cubic foot.
Man-hole shafts, - - - -		1 73	per lineal foot.
Tunneling, - - - - -		2 00	“ “
Masonry, - - - - -		3 00	per perch.

The above prices includes all materials not furnished by the City. The work to be done in a workman-like manner, and satisfactory security will be given for the faithful performance of the contract.

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES McCLOSKEY.

Office, Harmony Court below Fourth Street.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th, 1855.

To Mr. Thomas Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways :

DEAR SIR—I propose to build the Moore Street Culvert, according to plans and specifications, finding all material not found by the City, and furnishing any amount of security that may be required for the faithful performance of my contract, at the following prices, to wit :

Sewers, 5 feet 6 inches in diameter,		\$3 40	per lineal foot.
“ 5 feet “ “		3 25	“ “
“ 4 feet “ “		2 80	“ “
“ 3 feet “ “		2 33	“ “
Inlets each, - - - -		45 00	
Inlet connections, 2 feet 6 inches diameter,		1 70	per lineal foot.
Timber, - - - - -		25	per cubic foot.
Man-hole shafts, - - - -		1 75	per lineal foot.
Tunneling, - - - - -		1 90	“ “

Masonry, - - - - - \$3 25 per perch.
 Excavation, - - - - - [13½] 63½ per cubic yard

Yours, respectfully,

ROBERT PICKEN,
 Margaretta below Chestnut St., 24th Ward.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18th, 1855.

To the Committee on Highways:

GENTLEMEN—I agree to do all the excavations that may be required in constructing a Culvert in Moore Street, from the west side of Swanson Street to the west side of Ninth Street, for 35 cents per cubic yard. I will do all the tunneling that may be required for \$2 85 per lineal foot. I will furnish all the cut-stone necessary for building the inlets for 25 cents per superficial foot, or will complete each inlet, from the corner of the street to the connection of the main culvert, for \$70. Should any cradling be required, I will find it for 75 cents per lineal foot. I will furnish lumber at the following prices:—Hemlock, \$12 per 1000 feet; oar poles, \$25; second common, \$25; third common, \$17 50; raft bar poles, 75 cents to \$1. I will construct each man-hole that may be necessary for \$10. I will construct the culvert of 647 feet in length for \$4 per lineal foot; the culvert of 1175 feet for \$2 50; the culvert of 1613 feet for \$2 10; and the culvert of 885 feet in length, for \$1 75 per lineal foot.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

LANE SCHOFIELD, No. 81 South 12th Street.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th, 1855.

To the Commissioners of Highways:

GENTLEMEN—I propose to build the Culvert in Moore Street, from Swanson to Ninth Streets, according to your specification, of the following dimensions, as follows:

Excavation, per cubic yard,	-	-	-	\$00 35
Culvert, Swanson to Front Streets, 647 feet, 5 feet 6				
inches diameter, per lineal foot,	-			3 25
Culvert, Front to Jefferson Avenue, 1175 feet, 5 feet				
diameter, per lineal foot,	-	-	-	2 50

Culvert, Jefferson Avenue to Seventh Street, 1613 feet,	
4 feet diameter, per lineal foot,	\$2 10
Culvert, Seventh to Ninth Street, 885 feet, 3 feet di-	
ameter, per lineal foot,	1 75
Inlets, 5 feet outward from face of back wall, each,	60 00
Inlet connections, 2 feet 6 inches diameter, per lineal	
foot,	2 00
Man-hole shafts, per lineal foot,	1 64
Timber, per cubic foot,	20
Masonry, per perch, of 25 cubic feet,	2 50
Tunneling,	2 00

For the above mentioned prices I will do all the work, filling, ramming, repairing paving and water pipes which may be removed, and the whole to be done in the best workman-like manner, and give security for the faithful performance of the same.

LESTER D. FULLER.

Specification for a Culvert in Moore Street.

The Culvert to extend from the west side of Swanson Street to the west side of Ninth Street, to be in form egg-shaped, and of the following sizes :

From Swanson to west side of Front street, 647 feet,	
greatest inner diameter 5 feet 6 inches,	\$2 60
From Front to west side of Jefferson Avenue, 1175	
feet, greatest inner diameter 5 feet,	2 10
From Jefferson Avenue to west side of Seventh Street	
1613 feet, greatest inner diameter 4 feet,	1 70
From Seventh to west side of Ninth Street, 885 feet,	
greatest inner diameter 3 feet,	1 47

The ground to be excavated in open trenches, to the necessary width and depth, and of such lengths, at one time, as shall be directed by the District Surveyor. Such portions of the excavation not required for filling in after completion of the brick-work, to be hauled off and deposited in such localities as shall not interfere with future regulations of the City. The trenches to be opened at least one foot wider than the greatest horizontal width of culvert, the bottom to be hollowed out to the exact form and size of the lower section of sewer to be laid in it.

Any tunneling necessary, to be taken out of sufficient size to admit of requisite timbering, outside the sewer, leaving

room for proper keying to ensure stability ; but in no case will tunneling be allowed, unless with the express sanction of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, when it shall be prosecuted in accordance with his directions, &c.

The Contractor shall, at his own expense, shore up, sling, protect, alter, divert, restore and make good, as may be necessary, all water pipes, gas pipes, sewers, drains, buildings, fences or other properties, which may be disturbed or injured during the progress of the work.

The material excavated to be laid compactly on the side of the trench, and kept neatly trimmed up, so as to be as little inconvenience as possible to the public traffic or adjoining tenants.

The Contractor shall, at his own expense, pump out, or otherwise remove any water which may exist in the trenches, and shall form drains or other works necessary for keeping the excavations clear of water during the progress of the work. In case of running sand, or other bad or treacherous ground, the work shall be proceeded with day and night without interruption, if so directed by the District Surveyor; and in all cases of increased work, or work not specified, arising from whatever causes, except from carelessness or neglect on the part of the Contractor, shall be paid for as extra work at the estimate of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

The sides of the excavation shall be supported with suitable timber, whenever necessary, the Contractor to be held responsible for all damage which may happen to the neighboring properties, or in any other way, from neglect of this precaution. In any case in which the Surveyor shall direct that timber shall be left and buried in the trench, the cost of the timber shall be allowed, unless the necessity for leaving has arisen from carelessness or neglect as aforesaid, in which case the timber will not be paid for.

The sewer to be built of good, sound, hard-burnt bricks, of such forms as are designated on drawing, uniform in length; the top, from springing line, to be laid in mortar composed of clean, washed river sand and wood-burnt lime, mixed in such proportions as shall be approved by the District Surveyor. The brick-work must be well bonded, the joints to be struck flush with face of work, and to be in no instance over $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in thickness; the invert to be laid dry and covered to springing line with a coating of thick cement at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of an

inch in thickness, with a smooth and regularly sloping surface All centering to be furnished by the Contractor.

All junctions and connections of drains with the sewer to be made with a curve in direction of the current of sewer, with the largest admissible radius, to be given by District Surveyor.

All sewers or drains met with or cut through, shall be connected as indicated, or, if so desired, they shall be perfectly restored to the same condition as before the commencement of the work.

The ground shall be carefully filled in and the work backed up in a proper manner as it proceeds, and shall be properly rammed down in the whole excavation, after the completion of such lengths of the sewer as may be directed.

Man-hole shafts shall be constructed in such positions, and of such forms and dimensions, as may be directed by District Surveyor.

The Contractor shall replace all paving, or other surface material which may have been disturbed, to the satisfaction and approval of the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

It is further understood that all iron-work of sewers and man-holes be furnished by the City, and final estimate shall not be paid until a certificate of approval from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor is exhibited.

The following items to be specified in proposals:

Excavation, per cubic yard,	-	-	-	-	\$00 24
Sewers, per lineal foot, specifying sizes; 1st size, \$2.60;					
2d, 2.10 ; 3d, 1.70 ; 4th, 1.47.					
Inlets, each, from face of back wall outward, 5 feet,					30 00
Inlet connections, 2 ft. 6 in. diameter, per foot lineal,					80
Timber, per cubic foot, - - - - -					18
Man-hole shafts, per foot lineal, - - - - -					75
Tunneling, per foot lineal, - - - - -					2 00
Masonry, per perch of twenty-five cubic feet, -					2 50

Thomas Birch, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways :

SIR—We, the undersigned, agree to construct the above named Culvert at the above prices.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM B. GRIFFITH,
JOHN BLAIR.

Philadelphia, June 16th, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 19.

AN ORDINANCE

To regulate the Public Printing and Binding, and for other purposes.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That of the journals of the respective Chambers copies shall be printed : *Provided*, That the journals of each Chamber shall be composed of the recording or Clerk's Journal, and an Appendix containing the documents to be printed.

SECT. 2. The printers of each Chamber, in making out their bills, shall furnish the number of *ems* of composition, and the number of *tokens* of press work which they may have performed, and the quantity of paper furnished ; and for the performance of the said work, thirty-seven and one-half cents per thousand *ems*, and thirty-seven and one-half cents per *token*, and one-half cent per sheet only, for paper, shall be allowed ; and for printing one hundred and twenty-five copies of the bills, one dollar for each printed page only shall be allowed.

SECT. 3. There shall be printed of the ordinances copies.

SECT. 4. The said printers shall have the ordinances, journals, reports, messages, bills and other documents executed in the following manner, to wit :—The ordinances, journals, reports, messages and documents on super and royal paper, in octavo form, and neat long primer type—each page to contain, as near as may be, two thousand one hundred *ems* ; except rule and figure work, which shall be in bavier or smaller type, whenever such work shall exceed one page ; and in no case hereafter shall any tables or rule and figure work be printed, except in consecutive pages of octavo form. The bills, in folio form, on pica type ; each full page to contain not less than thirty lines of the usual length, with pica blank between each line ; and to contain not less than twelve hundred *ems* exclusive of riglet spacing.

SECT. 5. The said printers shall fold, gather, stitch, collate, bind and deliver the ordinances, journals, reports, messages, bills and other papers and documents as shall be required to be folded, gathered, collated, bound and stitched, for which they shall be paid at the following rates, to wit :

When a document does not exceed one sheet, fifty cents

per one hundred copies, and twenty-five cents per hundred copies for every additional sheet.

Covering the ordinances, journals and documents, when required twenty-five cents per one hundred copies.

The bills shall be folded, stitched, cut and delivered at six and one-fourth cents per page: *Provided*, That no binding shall be executed by the said printers, to be paid for by the city, for any member of either Council, or any officer thereof, unless the same shall be ordered by a separate or joint resolution.

SECT. 6. All legislative and executive documents and reports communicated to both Chambers, shall be printed by the printer of one Chamber only; and the proper committees of the respective Chambers, acting in conjunction for that purpose, shall fairly distribute the same between the printers of the two Chambers; and no clerk shall send any such document or report to the printer until said committees shall have decided by whom the same shall be printed; and the said committees shall determine which of the said printers shall print the ordinances of the Councils.

SECT. 7. All the printing of the executive and different departments shall be done for the prices and upon the terms herein provided, in regard to that of the respective Chambers.

SECT. 8. Before any bill shall be paid for printing, cutting, stitching, folding or binding, as herein provided for, the same shall be verified by affidavit, to be justly and correctly stated, and according to law.

SECT. 9. Additional documents printed by order of either Chamber, shall be printed as extra copies of that portion of the journal in which they are contained; and the price of the paper and press work only shall be charged: *Provided*, That one dollar per sheet shall be allowed for transposition of the matter of extra copies.

SECT. 10. Each Chamber being entitled to elect its own officers, besides the printer elected by each Chamber, there shall be chosen by the joint vote of the Select and Common Councils, three daily papers, or the owners thereof, in which newspapers shall be inserted all public advertising for the said city, and there shall be paid for the same no greater rates than those charged to be paid by citizens for advertisements inserted by them in such papers.

SECT. 11. So much of any ordinance as is hereby altered or supplied, is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 20.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the release of damages for opening streets and for other purposes.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, Whenever it is desired that any street laid upon any of the public plans of the City shall be opened, it shall be lawful for the persons desiring to have the same opened, to give notice thereof to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the Chief Surveyor and Engineer, to examine such street so proposed to be opened, and make an estimate of the damages which the owners of the ground to be taken by such street may sustain by the opening thereof. And it shall be the duty of the said Chief Commissioner to recover from the owners of the ground through or over which such proposed street may pass, releases or arguments in such form as the City Solicitor shall approve or prepare, releasing or indemnifying the City from the payment of damages to such owners or others for or on account of the opening of the said street.

SECT. 2. That the said Chief Commissioner of Highways, in conjunction with the said Chief Surveyor and Engineer, shall also make an estimate of the cost for grading and paving such street which will be incurred by the City in case the said street should be opened, graded and paved; and it shall be the duty of the said Chief Commissioner of Highways to receive from the persons desiring to have such street opened any instrument in writing which the City Solicitor shall advise, binding such persons to defray the cost or expense of grading and paving such street.

SECT. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of Highways, after such estimates shall have been made, to make report to the Common Council of the application for opening such street, with the estimates so required, as aforesaid, to be made, together with any such releases or arguments drawn, as aforesaid, and received by him. And he shall also report particularly where such street is situated, how it will, if opened, be connected with other streets already opened, and how near such street will be to parts of the City already built, and his opinion of the importance and value to the City of such street, if opened.

SECT. 4. That in case the City Councils shall, by ordinance, order such street to be opened, or give notice thereof, then such releases and arguments so taken by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, as aforesaid, shall become binding upon the parties thereto.

APPENDIX No. 21.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JULY 19TH, 1855.

The Committee on Finance submit the following report, the data for which has been taken from statements and reports of the several departments, (mainly from the report of the City Controller,) which they also submit with this report. The City Controller's report is that upon which they have chiefly relied, as it is the duty of this officer to exhibit "all the receipts and expenditures of the City," "the sources from which the revenues and funds are derived, and in what manner the same has been disbursed," and to show "in detail the several appropriations made by City Councils, the amount drawn on each appropriation, and the balance standing to the debit or credit of each such appropriation."

This is the duty of the Controller, and the several other departments of the executive government should furnish to his office, statements and reports, which would enable him to discharge that duty, and to keep the City Councils advised of the financial condition of the City.

The report which your committee submit is—

1st. Of the condition of the finances of the City for the current fiscal year, of the receipts and expenditures for the public service to the end of the year, and including the payment of interest which will fall due on the first of January, 1856; showing the probable deficit of the receipts to meet the expenditures.

There was in the Treasury on the 1st of January, 1855, a balance in cash, of . \$172,598 20

The ordinary and extraordinary receipts into the Treasury from all sources of revenue, actual and estimated, as per report of the City Controller, is the sum of \$1,047,076 00

From which the committee deduct this sum, being the excess of the Controller's estimate, of the Taxes for 1855, over that of the Receiver of Taxes, \$70,884 52

Also the excess of the estimate of the Controller, of the Taxes of 1853-54, over the estimate of the Receiver of Taxes,	87,100 25	157,984 77	
			3,889,091 23

* The Sinking Fund applicable to the payment of the Funded Debt falling due within the current fiscal year, is added to the receipts, . . . 105,000 00

* The committee estimate that there will be received from the sale of the real property of the City, authorized by Act of Assembly to be sold, also applicable to the payment of the Funded Debt, the sum of 155,228 00

Total amount of receipts, actual and estimated, for current fiscal year,	\$4,321,917 43
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The ordinary and extraordinary expenditures, actual and estimated, to be required within the current fiscal year, as per report of the Controller, is the sum of	4,948,568 16
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The committee have estimated that there will be required the additional sums,

1st. For the public lamps,	100,000 00
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2d. To meet gratuities to Fire Companies and contingencies,	125,000 00
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The committee also add the sum specifically borrowed to build the bridge at Chestnut street, and used for the general purposes of the treasury, this sum	125,000 00
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They also estimate that there will be required for the payment of the interest on the funded debt, on the 1st of January, 1856, the sum of	450,000 00
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\$5,748,568 16

* The two sums of \$105,000 00 and \$155,228 00, being equal to the sum of \$260 228 00, the amount of Funded Debt falling due within the year.

The committee estimate that there will be saved of the appropriation of \$337,020 10, to pay certain claims before consolidation, a sum which will not be required equal to 30,000 00

Ordinary and extraordinary expenditures,
actual and estimated, for current fiscal year, \$5,718,568 16

From which deduct receipts, actual and estimated, as stated, 4,321,917 43

Deficit, \$1,396,650 73

It is estimated that the deduction of taxes for rural portions of the City will amount to the sum of \$40,930 50, which must be added to the deficit, 40,930 50

\$1,437,581 23

There has been issued on account of appropriations to the Highway Department, Certificates of Loan amounting to \$100,000, and a further issue will be required for the settlement of outstanding contracts, payable in bonds, \$25,000, which sums are therefore deducted, 125,000 00

Leaving a cash deficit of \$1,312,581 23

The Committee estimate that there may be saved by proper economy, from the unexpended balance of appropriation to Highways, the sum of \$200,000

There is an estimated excess in the appropriation for the Police of . 20,000 220,000 00

The estimated deficit of the receipts to meet the expenditures, actual and estimated, including the estimated interest on the funded debt, payable on the first day of January, 1856, \$1,092,581 23

2d. Of the condition of the finances of the City, separating the items of the foregoing statement, so as to show first, an estimate of the deficit, resulting from the transactions of previous years; second, an estimate of the deficit for the current fiscal year.

Receipts and Expenditures not pertaining to the current year.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, January 1, 1855,	172,598 20	
Extraordinary receipts for 1855, as estimated by the Controller,	883,237 00	
Less the excess of his estimate of the amount to be realized from the taxes of 1853-4, over that of the Receiver of Taxes, 87,100 25		
	<hr/>	796,136 75
Sinking Fund applicable to the redemption of funded debt,	105,000 00	
Estimated receipts from sales of real estate to cover the balance of the funded debt, maturing in 1855, say,	155,228 00	
	<hr/>	1,228,962 95

EXPENDITURES.

Sundry expenses incurred in 1854 and paid within the current year, as per Controller's statement, viz :

Department of Highways,	196,037 78
Police,	53,696 57
Markets,	1,288 68
City Commissioners,	21,578 85
Water,	45,368 80
Board of Health,	4,323 87
Public Schools,	135,279 04
Guardians of the Poor,	9,610 93
Lighting the City,	141,911 09

Extraordinary appropriation to Department of City Property for Germantown Hall and Public Squares, . . .	40,000 00	
Appropriation to pay certain claims ex- isting prior to the extension of the boundaries of the City, . . .	337,020 10	
Less the am't which will not be required for that purpose, say,	30,000,00	307,020 10
Principal of loans maturing in '55,	260,228 00	
Appropriation for State House,	13,500 58	
Do. for market site to G. W. Brown,	79,500 00	
Do. for overpaid taxes,	1,912 88	
Amount borrowed in 1852, for building a bridge over the Schuylkill at Chestnut street, and diverted to other pur- poses in 1854, . . .	125,000 00	
Damages paid Mrs. O'Callahan,	1,250 00	
Cost of sundry gold medals,	918 09	
Amount transferred from ac- count of current year for in- terest due January 1, 1855, an equal sum having been added to the current expendi- tures of 1855, to cover inte- rest due January 1, 1856,	450,000 00	
		<hr/> \$1,888,425 26
Showing a deficit growing out of transac- tions prior to 1st January, 1855, of		659,462 31
Of this sum \$100,000 has been funded by the issue of Certificates of Loan, and a further issue will be required of \$25,000 in settle- ment of outstanding contracts, payable in bonds,		125,000 00
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Leaving a cash deficit of		\$534,462 31

Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures for 1855.

RECEIPTS.

Tax duplicate, . . .	\$2,009,098 00	
Less Receiver's estimated abatement for errors, allow- ances and discount, . . .	279,982 52	
	<hr/>	\$1,729,115 48
Revenue from all other sources, as estimated by Controller,		1,363,839 00
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		\$3,092,954 48

EXPENDITURES.

Department of Highways, . . .	\$681,894 71	
Police, . . .	506,890 00	
Markets, . . .	10,428 00	
City Commis- sioners, . . .	162,712 53	
Wharves and Landings, . . .	4,950 00	
City Property, . . .	38,181 31	
Public Schools, . . .	456,863 00	
Law, . . .	17,430 00	
City Controller, . . .	14,110 00	
City Treasurer, . . .	18,050 00	
Clerks of Coun- cils, . . .	30,000 00	
Prison Inspectors, . . .	70,871 00	
Receiver of Taxes, . . .	18,361 08	
Water, . . .	201,385 00	
Board of Health, . . .	35,620 00	
Guardians of Poor, . . .	214,863 70	
City Ice Boat, . . .	7,500 00	
Gas, . . .	25,624 47	
Interest,	965,908 10	
Sinking Fund,	105,000 00	
House of Refuge,	13,000 00	
Vaccine Physicians,	1,000 00	
Public Lamps,	100,000 00	
Gratuities to Fire Companies and contingencies,	125,000 00	
Northern Home, Rosine, &c., . . .	4,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,830,142 90

Showing a deficit of,	\$737,188 42
Which would be increased by the passage of the pending ordinance abating 66 cents of the taxes in certain districts,	40,930 50
	<hr/> 778,118 92
Of the foregoing items, it is believed that \$20,000 of the appropriation to the Depart- ment of Police will not be required, and that Councils may prevent the expenditure of \$150,000 for new paving, and \$50,000 for other items in the appropriation to the Department of Highways, making together,	220,000 00
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And reducing the estimated deficit for 1855, to	\$558,118 92
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Estimated deficit for 1855, as above,	558,118 92
Do. Do. for previous years,	534,462 31
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Making an aggregate deficit of,	\$1,092,581 23

The committee are aware that there is now before Councils an application from the Guardians of the Poor, for an additional appropriation of seventy-five thousand five hundred dollars, and besides appropriations of other small sums have been proposed. It is deemed most prudent, without expressing any opinion as to the propriety of making sub-appropriations, that the committee should bring them into view in presenting a report of our financial condition.

It will be perceived that the foregoing statements are founded in part upon estimates of receipts from various sources of revenue, and of expenditures made or which may be required. They are to be relied upon therefore, as approximating to, and not as the actual truth.

The committee refrain at present from any consideration of the causes which have produced the necessity for a loan, but it is proper, nevertheless, that they should emphatically declare as their opinion—

1st. That the sale of the real estate which by the Act of the 21st of April, A. D. 1855, entitled, “A supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia,” is authorized to be sold to pay debts, is demanded by every consideration of wise economy, sound policy and the public welfare.

2d. That in the administration of our fiscal affairs, an enlightened and rigid economy should be practised and enforced by Councils.

3d. That no system of finance which looks to loans to meet the ordinary or current expenses of the government ought to be tolerated. It being decidedly preferable to meet any excess of such expenses over the ordinary revenue by an increase of taxation, rather than by a resort to such expedients.

4th. That this should be the inflexible policy of the City government, and the expenses, including the payment of the interest on the public debt, should be confined within the revenues.

All of which is submitted,

THOMAS CRAVEN, *chairman*,
JAMES L. HAND,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,
WM. C. PATTERSON,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY,

P. A. KEYSER,
W. O. KLINE,
JOHN WELSH,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JAS. DAVENPORT,
J. F. KNORR.

A Statement showing the ordinary and extraordinary Disbursements, as also the ordinary and extraordinary Receipts of the City of Philadelphia for the year 1855, compiled in the Department of the City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount of the appropriation for the year 1855, \$877,932 49

The extraordinary expense of this department for the year 1854, viz :

Amount expended for labor,	\$94,000 00	
“ “ salaries,	3,200 00	
“ “ cleaning		
streets, - - -	6,960 00	
Amount expended for fluid, -	1,967 14	
“ “ surveying,	2,442 83	
“ “ squares,	1,000 00	
“ “ contracts,	75,553 81	
“ damages for opening streets,	10,914 00	
		\$196,037 78

The ordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, viz :

Amount expended for salaries,	\$37,584 00	
“ “ cleaning		
streets, - - -	75,000 00	
Amount expended for incidentals,	11,537 62	
“ “ repairs,	55,000 00	
“ “ contracts,	75,000 00	
		\$254,121 62

The extraordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, being the balance of the appropriation to be expended for new paving, grading, &c. &c., - - -

\$427,773 09

\$877,932 49

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The amount of the appropriation in this department for the year 1855, is - - - - - \$560,586 57

The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1854, viz :

Salaries, materials furnished, and small bills, \$53,696 57

The ordinary expenses of this department for the year 1855, viz :

Salaries, Mayor, Marshal, police, &c., - - -	\$487,400 00	
Rent of station houses, - - -	3,395 00	
Fuel, - - -	1,250 00	
Conveyance for prisoners, - -	2,500 00	
Gas and water rent, - - -	1,120 00	
Incidentals, - - -	1,250 00	
		498,165 00

The extraordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, being the balance of the appropriation to be expended for contingent expenses, - - - - -

\$8,725 00 \$560,586 57

DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.

The amount of the appropriation for this department for the year 1855, is - - - - -	\$11,716 68
The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1854, - - - -	\$1,288 68
The ordinary expenses of this department for the year 1855, viz :	
Salaries of Commissioner and clerks, - - - - -	\$6,300 00
Ground rents, - - - - -	978 00
	<hr/> 7,278 00
The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1855, being the balance of the appropriation to be expended for repairs of markets, temporary clerk hire, &c. &c., - - - - -	3,150 00
	<hr/> \$11,716 68

DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

The amount of the appropriation for this department for the year 1855, - - - - -	\$184,291 38
The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1854, will be, for salaries, late Coroner, extra election, repairs, indexing, witnesses, road jurors, advertising, stationery, duplicates, - - - - -	\$21,578 85
The ordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, will be,	
Salaries in office, - - - - -	\$11,000 00
Salary of District Attorney, - - - - -	4,000 00
“ Clerk of Quarter Sessions, - - - - -	3,500 00
“ Coroner, - - - - -	6,000 00
“ Sheriff, - - - - -	4,000 00
“ tipstaves, - - - - -	17,500 00
“ jurymen, - - - - -	30,000 00
The pay of witnesses, - - - - -	1,000 00
The cost of elections, - - - - -	30,000 00
The pay of assessors for 1855, - - - - -	20,000 00
The cost of fuel, - - - - -	1,000 00
The pay of road jurors, - - - - -	15,000 00
“ Auditor, - - - - -	200 00
	<hr/> \$129,700 00
The extraordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, being the balance of the appropriation to be expended for advertising, stationery, making out tax duplicates, repairs, &c. &c., - - - - -	33,012 53
	<hr/> \$184,291 38

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

The amount of appropriation for this department for the year 1855,	\$4,950 00
The ordinary expense for salary, wages, &c., for 1855,	\$1,661 00
The extraordinary for cleaning docks, repairs,	3,289 00
	<u>\$4,950 00</u>

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

The amount of the appropriation for this department for the year 1855,	\$78,181 31
The ordinary expenses of this department for the year 1855, will be—	
Salaries,	\$22,008 00
Rent of office for Controller and Treasurer,	3,000 00
Wages, &c., at the tobacco warehouse,	1,842 00
Taxes,	1,500 00
Ground rents, interests and mortgages,	7,372 00
	<u>\$35,622 00</u>
The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1855 will be, for building Germantown Hall, fitting up Independence Hall, grading and planting trees in public squares, iron fences, stationery and general office expenses,	\$2,439 26
Extra, 1854,	40,122 05
	<u>\$78,181 31</u>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The amount of the appropriation for this department for the year 1855,	\$592,142 04
The ordinary expense of this department for the year 1855, will be—	
Salaries of teachers, housekeepers, clerks, &c.,	\$360,000 00
Rent of school houses, ground and water rents,	30,000 00
Expense of night schools,	21,000 00
Fuel,	19,000 00
	<u>\$430,000 00</u>
The extraordinary expenses of this department for the year 1854, for repairs, new buildings, &c.,	135,279 04
Extra, 1855,	26,861 00
	<u>\$592,142 04</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	\$17,430 00
The ordinary expenses for the year 1855, salaries of Solicitor and Assistant Solicitors, &c.,	-	-	-	\$10,608 00	
Cost in suits,	-	-	-	250 00	
Sheriff's costs, &c.,	-	-	-	4,250 00	
				<u>\$15,108 00</u>	
The extraordinary expense for the year 1855, filing fees and miscellaneous,				2,322 00	
				<u>2,322 00</u>	\$17,430 00

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CONTROLLER.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	\$14,110 00
The ordinary expense for the year 1855, Salaries of Controller and Clerks,				\$10,584 00	
The extraordinary expense for the year 1855,				3,526 00	
				<u>3,526 00</u>	\$14,110 00

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	\$18,050 00
The ordinary expenses of this Department for the year 1855, will be for salaries,				\$10,580 00	
The extraordinary expenses for 1855, for certificates, furniture, temporary clerks,				7,470 00	
				<u>7,470 00</u>	\$18,050 00

CLERKS OF COUNCILS.

The amount of appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	\$30,000 00
The ordinary expenses in this Department for the year 1855 will be, for					
Salaries,	-	-	-	\$8,280 00	
Printing and stationery,				8,720 00	
				<u>\$17,000 00</u>	
The extraordinary expenses in this Department for incidentals,	-	-	-	-	13,000 00
				<u>13,000 00</u>	\$30,000 00

PRISON INSPECTORS.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	\$70,871 00
The ordinary expenses of this Department					
For salaries,	-	-	-	\$23,128 00	
Debtors' apartment,	-	-	-	1,850 00	
Fuel,	-	-	-	3,625 00	
Supplies,	-	-	-	41,000 00	
				<u>\$69,603 00</u>	
The extraordinary expenses will be,					
For repairs, &c.,	-	-	-	-	1,268 00
				<u>1,268 00</u>	\$70,871 00

RECEIVER OF TAXES.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$18,361 08
The ordinary expenses of this Department,						
Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	\$9,700 00
Expenses incident to office,	-	-	-	-	-	650 00
						<u>\$10,350 00</u>
The extraordinary expense of this Department, for carriage hire, printing, temporary clerks, &c.,						\$8,011 08
						<u>\$18,361 08</u>

DEPARTMENT OF WATER.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$246,753 80
The amount of ordinary expenses in this Department for						
Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	\$66,000 00
Wages, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	43,574 90
Distribution of water,	-	-	-	-	-	15,100 00
Taxes, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	5,000 00
						<u>\$129,674 90</u>
The extraordinary expense in this Department for the year 1854, for wages, carpentering, coal, lumber, stone, contracts, &c.,						45,368 80
The extraordinary expenses in this Department for the year 1855, for wages, carpentering, coal, contracts, &c.,						71,710 10
						<u>\$246,753 80</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$39,943 87
The ordinary expense of this Department for salaries, incidental expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	\$23,737 00
The extraordinary expense of the Department for claims for the year 1854,	-	-	-	-	-	4,323 87
The extraordinary expense for the year 1855, Removing nuisances and expense of committees, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	11,883 00
						<u>\$39,943 87</u>

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

The amount of appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$224,474 63
The ordinary expense of this Department for 1855, for salaries, supplies, and relief, &c.,						\$205,882 00
The extraordinary expense of this Department for the year 1854, for salaries, supplies, and relief,	-	-	-	-	-	9,610 93
The extraordinary expenses of this Department for the year 1855, for repairs, &c.,						8,981 70
						<u>\$224,474 63</u>

CITY ICE BOAT.

The amount of the appropriation to this Department for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,500 00
The ordinary expense of the ice boat for salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
The extraordinary expense for the year 1855, for fuel, wages of officers and crew, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	6,500 00
						<u>\$7,500 00</u>

DEPARTMENT OF GAS.

The amount of appropriation for lighting the city for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	\$167,535 56
The ordinary expense of this Department for salaries of lamplighters,	-	-	-	-	-	\$14,280 00
The extraordinary expense for the year 1854, for pipe, coal, wages, lamps, repairs and meters, lumber, gas, lead, &c., &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	141,911 09
The extraordinary expense for the year 1855, being the balance of the appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	11,344 47
						<u>\$167,535 56</u>

GENERAL ORDINARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.

Interest on the Funded Debt,	-	-	-	-	-	\$965,908 10
Redeemed Loans for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	260,228 00
Sinking Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	105,000 00
House of Refuge,	-	-	-	-	-	13,000 00
Vaccine Physicians,	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
						<u>\$1,345,136 10</u>

GENERAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.

Certain claims prior to Consolidation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$337,020 10
Temporary Loans,	-	-	-	-	-	325,000 00
State House,	-	-	-	-	-	13,500 58
Brown's Property,	-	-	-	-	-	79,500 00
To refund overpaid Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	1,912 88
Mrs. O'Callahan,	-	-	-	-	-	1,250 00
Northern Home, Rosine, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	4,500 00
Gold Medals,	-	-	-	-	-	918 09
						<u>\$763,601 65</u>

CONTROLLER'S STATEMENT.

A Statement showing ordinary and extraordinary Receipts of the City of Philadelphia.

Departments.	Ordinary.	Extraordinary.	Totals.
Highways,	\$90,000 00	\$58,000 00	\$148,000 00
Water,	395,000 00	62,000 00	457,000 00
Law,	50,000 00	30,000 00	80,000 00
Amounts carried forward,	\$535,000 00	\$150,000 00	\$685,000 00

Amounts brought forward,	\$535,000 00	\$150,000 00	\$685,000 00
Wharves and Landings, - -	65,000 00	4,405 00	69,405 00
Markets, - - -	68,525 00		68,525 00
City Property, - - -	37,164 00		37,164 00
Lighting the City, - -	37,000 00	33,000 00	70,000 00
Police, - - - -	150 00		150 00
Guardians of Poor, - -	30,000 00		30,000 00
Board of Health, - - -	30,000 00		30,000 00
Public Schools, - - -	31,000 00		31,000 00
Ice boat, - - - -	5,000 00	1,412 00	6,412 00
Interest on stocks, - -	515,000 00		515,000 00
Taxes for 1855, - - -	1,800,000 00		1,800,000 00
“ 1854, - - -		481,456 00	481,456 00
“ 1853, - - -		138,964 00	138,964 00
Registered taxes, - -		35,000 00	35,000 00
Old corporation taxes and debts,		38,000 00	38,000 00
Fines and penalties, - -	10,000 00		10,000 00
Surveyors, &c., - - -		1,000 00	1,000 00
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	\$3,163,839 00	\$883,237 00	\$3,947,076 00

RECAPITULATION.

Departments.	Extraordinary receipts.	Extraordinary expenses.	Ordinary receipts.	Ordinary expenses.
Highways, - - - -	\$58,000 00	\$623,810 87	\$90,000 00	\$254,121 62
Police, - - - -		62,421 57	150 00	498,165 00
Market Houses, - - -		4,438 68	68,525 00	7,278 00
City Commissioners, - -		54,591 38		129,700 00
Wharves and Landings, - -	4,405 00	3,289 00	65,000 00	1,661 00
City Property, - - -		42,559 31	37,164 00	35,622 00
Public Schools, - - - -		162,142 04	31,000 00	430,000 00
Law, - - - -	30,000 00	2,322 00	50,000 00	15,108 00
City Controller, - - -		3,526 00		10,584 00
City Treasurer, - - -		7,470 00		10,580 00
Clerks of Councils, - - -		13,000 00		17,000 00
Prison Inspectors, - - -		1,268 00		69,603 00
Receiver of Taxes, - - -		8,011 08	1,800,000 00	10,350 00
Water, - - - -	62,000 00	117,078 90	395,000 00	129,674 90
Board of Health, - - -		16,206 87	30,000 00	23,737 00
Guardians of the Poor, - -		18,592 63	30,000 00	205,882 00
City ice boat, - - - -	1,412 00	6,500 00	5,000 00	1,000 00
Department of Gas, - -	33,000 00	153,255 56	37,000 00	14,250 00
Certain claims prior to 1855,		337,020 10		
State House, - - - -		13,500 58		
Brown's property, - - -		79,500 00		
Over paid taxes, - - -		1,912 88		
Mrs. O'Callahan, - - -		1,250 00		
Northern Home, &c., - -		4,500 00		
Gold medals, - - - -		918 09		
Taxes for 1854, - - - -	481,456 00			
“ 1853, - - - -	138,964 00			
Registered taxes, - - -		35,000 00		
Old corporation tax, - -		38,000 00		
Surveyors, - - - -		1,000 00		
Interest on funded debt, -				965,908 10
Redeemed loans, 1855, - -				260,228 00
Sinking fund, - - - -				105,000 00
House of Refuge, - - -				13,000 00
Vaccine physicians, - - -				1,000 00
Fines and penalties, - - -			10,000 00	
Interest on stocks, - - -			515,000 00	
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	\$883,237 00	\$1,739,085 54	\$3,163,839 00	\$3,209,482 62

The ordinary expenses for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,209,482 62
" receipts " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,163,839 00

45,643 62

The extraordinary expense for the year 1855,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,739,085 54
" receipts " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	883,237 00

\$855,748 54

The following amounts were contracted prior to 1855, but were payable during this year,

viz: Department of		
Highways,	-	\$196,037 78
Police,	-	53,696 57
Markets,	-	1,288 68
City Commissioners,	-	21,578 85
Public Schools, 1855,	-	162,142 04
Water,	-	45,368 80
Board of Health,	-	4,323 87
Guardians of the Poor,	-	9,610 93
Lighting of the City,	-	141,911 09
Certain claims,	-	337,020 10
Total,	-	<hr/> \$972,978 71

*Receipts from Departments and Miscellaneous, for the year
1855, up to June 30th, 1855, inclusive.*

DEPARTMENTS.

Highways, -	-	-	-	\$10,690 68	
City Railroad,	-	-	-	7,059 70	
					\$17,750 38
Receiver of Taxes for 1854,				\$378,781 99	
Do. 1855,				764,160 00	
Do. Registered,				2,605 09	
Do. County, 1853,				64,018 98	
Do. School, 1853,				30,394 32	
					\$1,239,960 38
Water, -	-	-	-	-	313,446 73
Wharves and Landings, -	-	-	-	-	31,599 11
Law, -	-	-	-	-	49,504 84
City Property, -	-	-	-	-	16,536 97
Markets, -	-	-	-	-	56,920 97
Surveyors, -	-	-	-	-	464 69
Guardians of Poor, -	-	-	-	-	14,230 70
Board of Health, -	-	-	-	-	11,037 20
Trustees of Ice Boat, -	-	-	-	-	6,411 98
					<hr/> \$1,757,862 98

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Interest on stocks and mortgages, -	-	\$223,137 41
Fines and penalties, -	-	3,313 96
Corporation taxes, -	-	22,438 86
		<hr/> \$2,006,753 21

APPENDIX No. 22.

AN ORDINANCE

To prohibit the disbursement of public or corporate money for banqueting, or the purchase of vinous, spirituous or malt liquors, &c., for the use of the officers of the government.

SECT. 1. That the expenditure or disbursement of corporate or public money of the City, or money belonging to any public trust in the care of, or vested in the City, in the purchase of cigars, tobacco, wines, brandy, whiskey, beer, ale or any other vinous, spirituous or malt liquor; or for feeding, banqueting, or the entertainment of any member of the City Councils, or any officer or officers of the City government, or of any other person or persons, is hereby strictly prohibited. And it shall be the duty of the City Controller, in scrutinizing and auditing the public accounts of the said City and of the trusts in their care, to reject from any such account any and every charge for such expenditure or disbursement; and he shall have power, and he is hereby required to examine on oath or affirmation any person or persons exhibiting such accounts, or connected with such expenditures, touching or concerning such disbursement or expenditure: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the expenditure of public money in the purchase of victuals, (not including any of the liquors aforesaid,) for the use of the officers and persons immediately connected with those institutions and trusts of the City, which by their nature and character require the same.

APPENDIX No. 23.

COMMITTEE ROOM, July 12, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils, City of Philadelphia :

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to offer the following Ordinance, "Reorganizing the Department of Surveys."

Yours, &c.,

SPENCER ROBERTS, *chairman*,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
SAM'L C. WILLITS,
JNO. K. KNORR,
J. H. HUTCHINSON,

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
WM. CONRAD,
CHAS. S. PEALL,
C. S. DUNK.

AN ORDINANCE

Reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the District Surveyors and Regulators.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the head of this department is the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and that he, as well as the Regulators and Surveyors, before entering upon their duties, shall make oath or affirmation before a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, faithfully to discharge the duties connected with their offices.

SECT. 2. The Chief Engineer shall have the superintendence and direction of all surveys and regulations as authorized by Acts of Assembly and Ordinances of the several Districts or City of Philadelphia, now in force, or hereafter to be enacted by the City of Philadelphia. He shall preside as President of the Board of Surveyors and Regulators at all stated and special meetings of the said Board, and be entitled to vote upon all questions there discussed. He shall, as Chief Engineer and Surveyor, sign all plans and profiles of surveys, regulations, bridges and culverts, when acted on by the said Board of Surveyors. He shall furnish the Department of Highways with all plans and specifications for laying out, grading and regulating streets and public ways, and for bridges, culverts or other improvements, to be done under the superintendence

of said Commissioner, and under the direction of the said Chief Engineer and Surveyor. He shall have authority, under the supervision of the Committee of Councils for Surveys, to direct such regulations and grades to be prepared for the approval of the Board of Surveyors and Regulators and Court of Quarter Sessions, as the necessities of the City shall require.

SECT. 3. Said Board of Surveyors shall hold stated meetings at such times as they shall determine, so that the intervals between such meetings shall not exceed one month, and such special meetings as shall be convened by the President of the said Board, or by the Committee of Councils on Surveys and Regulations; a majority of the whole number to form a quorum for the transaction of business, and each member, including the President, shall be entitled to one vote.

SECT. 4. A suitable office shall be provided for said Department, in which shall be kept, under the custody of the said Chief Engineer and the Surveyors and Regulators, certified copies of all the records and plans, relating to the surveys, regulations, sewerage and bridging connected with the City of Philadelphia.

SECT. 5. The said District Surveyors shall, in their respective Districts, lay out and survey the same, as may be requisite from time to time, and shall designate the proper lines, levels and grades, as per confirmed plan of such District as he may have in charge. All plans for sewers, bridges or other improvements, to be subject to the inspection and approval of the Board of Surveyors, to be decided thereby, and all new improvements, whether of culverts or bridges, shall receive the signature of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and when built by contract, before acceptance by the City and final estimate paid, certificate of approval must be obtained from said Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

SECT. 6. Each District Surveyor shall keep an accurate record of all surveys, adjustments of party walls, regulation of thicknesses of party and other walls, and condemnation of the same as made by him, and shall also furnish duplicates thereof to the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and also such plans of such parts of said Districts, and in such form and with such details as said Chief Engineer shall, from time to time, require for official purposes; and all such plans, surveys, records, minutes and regulations, whether in principal office or in the respective offices of the District Surveyors, shall be the pro-

perty of the City of Philadelphia, and shall be delivered up to their successors in office on the termination of their official service.

SECT. 7. Prior to the commencement of any building or buildings in said City, a survey shall be made by the Surveyor and Regulator of the District, of such part or parts of lot or lots, on which the same is to be erected, as may be occupied or proposed to be occupied by each and every building, with its necessary out-buildings, and also for any alterations or additions to buildings that may encroach or interfere with a party line, or line of any public street, lane, alley or court of said City. Not less than ten days' notice to be given said District Surveyor for any survey required, and such survey shall have been made within twelve months prior to the commencement of said building; no curbing shall be set, unless in accordance with the regulation furnished by the Surveyor and Regulator of the District. And if any person or persons shall begin the foundation or erect any building or buildings adjoining to or upon any street, road, lane, court or alley, or on the line of his, her or their neighbor's ground, without first applying to and having the line or lines thereof regulated and marked by the Surveyor and Regulator of the District as aforesaid, or shall deviate therefrom, by extending his, her or their building or buildings beyond any or either of the lines or boundaries marked as aforesaid, unless determined otherwise, on an appeal, every person employed, as well as the owner and master builder, shall severally forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as debts of the same amount are now or hereafter may be by law recoverable: *Provided*, That the same shall not be recoverable unless prosecuted within one year after the offence is committed. And if any person or persons shall enclose or fence in any lot or lots of ground, without first having the lines or boundaries regulated and marked as aforesaid, or if after having the lines or boundaries regulated and marked as aforesaid, shall deviate therefrom, so as to enclose part of his, her or their neighbor's ground, unless so determined on an appeal, every such person, as well the owner as the person or persons making such fence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered as before directed in respect to buildings. Provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to buildings, fences or other improvements to be erected in the

Rural Districts, where the same do not encroach on or interfere with party lines, or lines of roads or streets, and the said regulators or any one or more of them shall have full power and authority, with or without his or their assistant or assistants, to enter upon the land of any person or persons for the purpose of regulating and marking the lines or boundaries of any lot or lots of ground required to be regulated.

SECT. 8. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall, by and with the advice and consent of Select Council, appoint a Recording Clerk, whose duty it shall be, by his direction, to assist in the charge of the office, in recording documents, and in such duties as may be required. He shall act as Secretary of the Board of Surveyors, and keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall receive a yearly compensation of one thousand dollars for all such duties performed, payable monthly.

SECT. 9. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall, with the advice and consent of the Select Council, appoint a messenger and prescribe his duties, with a yearly salary of five hundred dollars, payable monthly.

SECT. 10. The Chief Engineer shall, from time to time, with the consent and approval of Select Council, temporarily appoint such clerks or draftsmen as may be necessary for the proper transaction of his official duties.

SECT. 11. Warrants for the payment of appropriations made for this department, shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and every warrant shall be in the following form:—

No. DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, Philadelphia, 185

To

City Treasurer, Pay to

or order, Dollars, for
(here describe the services or materials as may be,) and charge
the same to appropriation made to this department for (here
insert item of appropriation.)

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Approved and countersigned,

City Controller.

Each warrant shall contain at the foot thereof a receipt, thus :

Philadelphia, 185

Received of the City Treasurer, the amount mentioned in the above warrant, which is in payment for the purposes therein stated.

SECT. 12. That the Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators, passed November 9th, 1854, and so much of any and all former ordinances as are hereby altered or supplied by the provisions of this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, {
Philadelphia, July 19th, 1855. }

SPENCER ROBERTS, ESQ., *chairman of Committee on Surveys :*

DEAR SIR—The Board of Surveyors, being deeply interested in the organization of the City as extended, and fully aware of the many difficulties in arranging the extensive system rendered necessary by consolidation, so that each department may be brought into full and efficacious working, performing each its legitimate and appropriate duties, without interference with others, desire to express to your committee their views regarding the rights and duties of this Department, that, if in error, they may be corrected, and if just, they may receive the assistance of the committee and be enabled to perform that duty for which they have been especially authorized by Legislative enactment.

For this purpose they desire, most respectfully, to draw your attention to section No. 27 of the Act of Consolidation, wherein we think the duties of our body are expressly defined, viz :

“And such number of said Surveyors and Regulators shall be organized into a Board, under a head, for such purposes relating to surveys, the planning of the City, the building of bridges, the construction of sewers and the grading of highways, as Councils may declare by Ordinance.”

We are here responsible for correct survey lines, for proper general plans and economy of construction of bridges, for the

location and proportion of sewers of all kinds, whether for an extended area or for an isolated building, and for the arrangement of suitable grades upon the highways, that proper drainage may be effected and the healthfulness of the locality secured.

In consideration of which, and the Board feeling that their duties are not fully understood in Councils, hope that your committee will take such action as will bring the subject before the chambers, with the understanding that this is submitted with all respect, and that all we desire is to be placed upon our proper footing in the government of the City.

Heretofore, our Board has received but few communications from Councils through the channel which that body has furnished us, (your committee on Surveys and Regulations,) and notwithstanding business has been transacted, which legally would require the action of this Board, under the supervision of your committee, yet the references have been so made in the body of Councils, as to preclude your committee from taking any action whatever upon it, and when it has reached our Board—though some of it has been carried out, regardless of the existence of the Department of Surveys—it has been through committees to which we are not responsible, and to whom, in proper respect to you, we should not report, unless so directed by you.

The duty of the Department of Surveys, as understood by this Board, is to furnish the proper department charged with construction, with all plans and specifications for work of all constructive character ordered by Councils; all notes of record for such are now or will be deposited in this office, and is therefore the only spot from which judicious plans can emanate.

We also claim the right of supervision for the correct execution of such plans furnished. We therefore hope that no culverts, or other improvements, will be authorized until this department may, *through your committee*, have an opportunity of making such examinations and preparing such plans as will not interfere with future improvements, or overtax those existing, and by which the minutes of your committee will exhibit action on subjects for which you have been created.

We also call your attention to the necessity of authorizing this Department to fix the grade regulations in the outer Districts, as asked for some months since, for the want of which

we are not able to furnish the Department of Highways with such information as will permit them to carry out legally the wishes of Councils.

Ordinances have been passed to grade and curb certain highways, but no regulations have as yet been established on such highways, nor can we do so until ordered by Councils.

The ordinances cannot, therefore, be attended to as they should be, and any grade that may have been given by a Surveyor and Regulator, to prevent delay or clamor, may subject the City to an increased expenditure hereafter.

Most respectfully yours, &c.,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 24.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance organizing the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia, approved July 28th, 1854.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That hereafter there shall be but one Sergeant for each Police District, and the Turnkeys heretofore provided for, are hereby dispensed with and their office abolished: *Provided*, That the duties heretofore performed by the said Turnkeys shall be performed by such of the Executive Police Force as may be detailed for the purpose.

SECT. 2. The Executive Police Force and Watchmen of the City of Philadelphia, exclusive of officers, shall hereafter be four hundred and eighty men, in lieu of the number now fixed by the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement.

SECT. 3. In lieu of the Police Magistrates now provided for by the Ordinance to which this is a Supplement, there shall hereafter be for the District to be composed of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Wards, - - - - - one.
For the District to be composed of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Wards, - - - - - one.
For the District to be composed of the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Wards, - - - - - one.
For the District to be composed of the 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th Wards, - - - - - one.

For the District to be composed of the 19th Ward,	one.
For the District to be composed of the 21st Ward,	one.
For the District to be composed of the 22d Ward,	one.
For the District to be composed of the 23d Ward,	one.
For the District to be composed of the 24th Ward,	one.

Which said Police Magistrates shall be elected in like manner, and whose duties shall be the same as now by law established : *Provided*, That the Police Magistrate of each of the aforesaid Districts shall be an Alderman of the Ward, or of one of the Wards composing the same, and shall attend to the discharge of his duties at the Station House nearest to the centre of the said District.

SECT. 4. Ordinances or parts of Ordinances herewith inconsistent, are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 25.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN—The special committee appointed by this chamber, to which were referred the various petitions and remonstrances in favor of and against a reduction of the police force of this City, respectfully present the following report :

Anxious to avoid prolixity, and in order to save the time of this chamber, they ask leave to refer to the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Police, presented to this chamber on the fourteenth day of June last, and to make that document a portion of this. They concur generally in the spirit of that report, and deem the general subject, as therein treated, fully and satisfactorily discussed. A few other considerations have suggested themselves to your committee, to which they will briefly refer.

It should be borne in mind, that for the peace and good order, or their opposite, existing throughout the City, the City Councils are mainly, if not wholly, responsible. The Mayor, as the executive officer, and his subordinate force, can execute only such laws and ordinances as we in our legislative capacity ordain. If we enact certain rules and regulations, and direct them to be put in operation, and at the same time do not create a sufficient number of instruments to

enforce them successfully, the disgrace of a failure rests upon us, and not upon those whose inefficiency is the result of our own mistaken policy. The force of this assumption may be seen by remembering what was the condition of our community under the old police system. The time is not so far distant that we cannot remember the almost daily occurrence of riots and other flagrant violations of law and good order, and to an extent so alarming did this state of things prevail, that we were held up, as a City, to the scorn and universal reprobation of the entire country. On the contrary, under our present system, these outbreaks and outrages are of comparatively rare occurrence, and for peace and quietness there is not another large city in the Union that can now outvie our own. The cause of this is, to your committee, very evident. The inefficiency of the old force resulted not so much from the lack of character or ability in the material of which it was composed—for, to a great extent, both officers and men were entitled to great praise—but simply from paucity of numbers. The numerical strength was inadequate to the services required.

It should be here remembered that, even within two years, for we will go back only that length of time, our population has vastly increased, and therewith the necessity for increased defences. The present number of our police force is but about one-third larger than under the old administrations, which is not more than a fair increase in proportion to our augmenting population. With this force in existence, the satisfactory results witnessed have been produced. The experiment has worked admirably for a single year, but it would be too much to ask that we should so soon risk a return to the old number, and thereby invite a return to the state of lawlessness from which we have but just emerged. Your committee deem the risk too great to be compensated by the uncertain saving of what would really amount to an inconsiderable sum of money to the public treasury.

An erroneous idea seems to pervade a large portion of our citizens in reference to the number of police on duty at one time. They appear to forget that policemen are formed of similar materials to themselves, and that instead of being constructed of iron or gutta percha, they are really ordinary flesh and blood. They require rest and sleep, like all others of mortal mould, and the consequence is that there cannot be, at any one time, more than about one-third of the entire force

on duty. While one set of men are at their posts, others are resting or holding themselves in readiness for an emergency. Several occasions have arisen, however, when the entire force has been on duty day and night, and similar necessities are likely to occur at any and all times. Your committee cannot regard three hundred men as more than a sufficient protection to a city so large as this. Experience has fully shown that the withdrawal of individuals of the force, as in the case of suspensions and discharges, is attended with the most serious inconveniences, and sometimes disastrous results, and the fatality would unquestionably be fearfully greater, were the wholesale reduction asked for now granted.

It is well known that on the first of October next, a law entirely new in its spirit and provisions to the people of this State, and one which is greatly obnoxious to a large portion of our citizens, will go into operation. It is not unreasonable to suppose that difficulties, more or less serious and extensive, will grow out of the faithful and rigid enforcement of the provisions of this law, and that it will require all the energy and watchfulness of our executive officers to prevent those calamities which always result from any combined opposition to any obnoxious laws or ordinances. Your committee are of the opinion that no step could be more injudicious than to weaken, on the very eve of a probable emergency like this, any of our existing restraints.

In connection with this report, your committee ask leave to present the annexed statement, prepared at their request, under the direction of the Mayor, the facts and statistics of which are of the most convincing character, and which are material to their report.

Your committee have not deemed it necessary to reply to any of the common accusations made against the present police force of the City, nor the stereotyped arguments of the professed opponents of the present system.

In conclusion, your committee will state that they have carefully examined the petitions referred to them for a reduction of the present force, as well as the numerous remonstrances against such reduction. They find the former, to a considerable extent, signed with the names of persons evidently of foreign birth, and some of them so intensely foreign that they are not even written in the English character. On the other hand they recognize, attached to the remonstrances,

the signatures of many of our well-know citizens, business men and tax-payers, who, it is fair to presume, are by far the most deeply interested in the subject. The names have also been carefully counted, under the direction of the clerk of this chamber, with the following result:—Those who have signed the various petitions for a reduction, number only two thousand three hundred and sixty, while those who have signed the remonstrances reach an aggregate of nine thousand six hundred. This result is, to your committee, perfectly conclusive as to the true wishes of the people in reference to the proposed reduction.

Your committee, however, with the knowledge that certain portions of the City, denominated rural districts, have been or are desirous to be relieved from the payment of a considerable portion of the taxes imposed upon them, and deeming it unfair and unjust that the residents in those rural districts should enjoy the protection for the cost of which they are not willing to pay their just proportion, respectfully suggest that the Mayor be requested to withdraw the police force entirely from such rural districts, and that the aggregate number of men on duty be reduced to that extent.

Under these circumstances, your committee feel constrained to offer the annexed resolution for the action of this chamber, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this chamber, it is inexpedient, at present, to effect any change in the Police Department of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia, as now organized, except in such portions of the City, denominated rural districts, as have been or may be released from the payment of any portion of the ordinary taxes; and that the Mayor of the City be requested to withdraw the police force entirely from said rural districts.

JOSEPH L. CHESTER, *chairman*,
JAS. C. HAND,
H. BUMM.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of your committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizen in relation to a reduction of the police force, beg leave to make a minority report.

By comparison of the expenses of the late corporation with that of the Consolidated City, it appears that there is an increase of expenses amounting to \$157,179 per year.

That the police as at present organized is not a preventive police.

That their conduct on duty is calculated to produce violation of the laws of the State.

That they make arrests without the shadow of authority.

That they imprison innocent citizens for the purpose of making them pay costs and hush money.

That there is more crime against the good order of society committed by the police acting, or pretending to act as such, than there is by the same number of the worst portion of society.

That the police force as now established and chosen, are a dangerous body of men, whose conduct, if persisted in, will have a tendency to control our elections and deprive our citizens of the most sacred right enjoyed by freemen.

For the foregoing reasons, I offer the following resolution, here attached:

Resolved, That it is expedient to reduce the police and watchmen of the City of Philadelphia to the number of 480 men, in accordance with the Act of Assembly of May 3d, 1850.

C. B. F. O'NEILL.

A.

SCHEDULE OF POLICE FORCE, AND HOW EMPLOYED.

July 12th, 1855.

WARDS.	Disposition of Force when full.						Number of Men on Duty.					
	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Turnkeys.	Patrol.	Policemen.	Total.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Turnkeys.	Patrol.	Policemen.	Total.
1	1	2	1	2	25	31	1	2	1	2	25	31
2	1	2	1	2	27	33	1	2	1	2	27	33
3	1	2	1	2	30	36	1	2	1	2	30	36
4	1	2	1	2	30	36	1	2	1	2	30	36
5	1	2	1	2	60	66	1	2	1	2	58	64
6	1	2	1	2	62	68	1	2	1	2	58	64
7	1	2	1	2	58	64	1	2	1	2	55	61
8	1	2	1	2	42	48	1	2	1	2	42	48
9	1	2	1	2	39	45	1	2	1	2	38	44
10	1	2	1	2	42	48	1	2	1	2	42	48
11	1	2	1	2	24	30	1	2	1	2	24	30
12	1	2	1	2	21	27	1	2	1	2	21	27
13	1	2	1	2	21	27	1	2	0	2	20	25
14	1	2	1	2	27	33	1	2	1	2	26	32
15	1	2	1	2	45	51	1	2	1	2	43	49
16	1	2	1	2	24	30	1	2	1	2	24	30
17	1	2	1	2	33	39	1	2	1	2	30	36
18	1	2	1	2	20	26	1	2	0	2	20	25
19	1	2	1	2	33	39	1	2	1	2	31	37
20	1	2	1	2	33	39	1	2	1	2	33	39
21	1	2	1	0	15	19	1	2	0	0	13	16
22	1	2	1	0	12	16	1	2	1	0	12	16
23	1	2	1	0	14	18	1	1	0	0	13	15
24	1	2	1	0	26	30	1	2	0	0	26	29
Mayor's } Office. }	0	0	1	0	5	6	0	0	1	0	5	6
	24	48	25	40	768	905	24	47	20	40	746	877
High Constables,						8						
Special Officers,						4						

B.
OLD POLICE ESTABLISHMENT.

DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS.	No. of.	Rate per An'm	Annual Cost.
CITY.			
Marshal of Police, - - - - -	1	\$2,500 00	2,500 00
Clerk, - - - - -	1	1,000 00	1,000 00
Messenger, - - - - -	1	500 00	500 00
Lieutenant of Police, - - - - -	1	1,000 00	1,000 00
Clerk of Police, - - - - -	1	1,000 00	1,000 00
Assistant Clerk of Police, - - - - -	1	800 00	800 00
Special Officers, - - - - -	4	700 00	2,800 00
High Constables, - - - - -	4	700 00	2,800 00
Day Policemen, - - - - -	36	500 00	18,000 00
Captains of Night Police, - - - - -	4	720 00	2,880 00
Lieutenants of do. - - - - -	4	600 00	2,400 00
Night Policemen, - - - - -	200	500 00	100,000 00
Marshal's Policemen, - - - - -	55	500 00	27,500 00
Marshal's Lieutenants, - - - - -	4	850 00	3,400 00
Watchmen, - - - - -	1	450 00	450 00
Messenger, - - - - -	1	500 00	500 00
Turnkeys, - - - - -	5	450 00	2,250 00
Superintendent of Lamp-lighters, -	4	300 00	1,200 00
Lamp-lighters, - - - - -	55	180 00	9,900 00
Watchmen of Markets, - - - - -	4		1,750 00
	387	\$13,750 00	\$182,630 00
SPRING GARDEN.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Policemen, - - - - -	26	500 00	13,000 00
District Policemen, - - - - -	2	550 00	1,100 00
Captain of Night Police, - - - - -	1	600 00	600 00
Lieutenant of do. - - - - -	1	550 00	550 00
Watchmen, - - - - -	37	500 00	18,500 00
Watchmen of Markets, - - - - -	2	180 00	360 00
	70	\$3,730 00	\$34,960 00
KENSINGTON.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Policemen, - - - - -	24	500 00	12,000 00
Superintendent of Police, - - - - -	1	475 00	475 00
Ass't do. do. - - - - -	1	475 00	475 00
Watchmen of Markets, - - - - -	1	360 00	360 00
Superintendent of Lamp-lighters, -	1	450 00	450 00
Lamp-lighters, - - - - -	34	240 00	8,160 00
	63	\$3,350 00	\$22,770 00

OLD POLICE ESTABLISHMENT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS.	No. of.	Rate per An'm	Annual Cost.
NORTHERN LIBERTIES.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Policemen, - - - - -	21	500 00	10,500 00
District Police, - - - - -	2	400 00	800 00
Captain, - - - - -	1	650 00	650 00
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	600 00	600 00
Watchmen, - - - - -	21	500 00	10,500 00
Watchmen of Markets, - - -	3	350 00	1,050 00
	50	\$3,850 00	\$24,950 00
RICHMOND.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Watchman of Market, - - -	1	192 00	192 00
Policemen, - - - - -	4	400 00	1,600 00
Lamp-lighters, - - - - -	2		384 00
	8	\$1,442 00	3,026 00
PENN.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Policemen, - - - - -	5	500 00	2,500 00
District Police, - - - - -	1	450 00	450 00
Captain, - - - - -	1	450 00	450 00
Watchmen, - - - - -	9	400 00	3,600 00
Lamp-lighters, - - - - -	1	240 00	240 00
	18	\$2,890 00	\$8,090 00
WEST PHILADELPHIA.			
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
High Constable, - - - - -	1	450 00	450 00
Policemen, - - - - -	3	500 00	1,500 00
Lamp-lighters, - - - - -	7	180 00	1,260 00
	12	\$1,980 00	\$4,060 00
MOYAMENSING.			
Captain, - - - - -	1	500 00	500 00
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	500 00	500 00
Watchman, - - - - -	20	456 00	9,120 00
Lieutenant, - - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Policemen, - - - - -	12	500 00	6,000 00
	35	\$2,806 00	\$16,970 00
GERMANTOWN.			
High Constables, - - - - -	2	450 00	900 00

OLD POLICE ESTABLISHMENT—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS.	No. of.	Rate per An'm	Annual Cost.
FRANKFORD.			
High Constables, - - - -	2	500 00	1,000 00
MANAYUNK.			
High Constables, - - - -	2	450 00	900 00
SOUTHWARK.			
Lieutenant, - - - -	1	850 00	850 00
Superintendent of Police, - - -	1	540 00	540 00
Captain of Watch, - - - -	1	550 00	550 00
Lieutenant do. - - - -	1	525 00	525 00
Watchmen, - - - -	20	500 00	10,000 00
Policemen, - - - -	18	500 00	9,000 00
Watchmen of Markets, - - -	1		350 00
	43	\$3,465 00	\$21,815 00

Total number of officers, - - - - - 692

Annual cost, - - - - - \$322,071 00

To the Special Committee of Common Council :

The accompanying tables are herewith submitted as an answer to a resolution of your honorable committee.

The "Schedule of Police Force," marked A, is believed to be correct.

After all diligence, the table marked B, is believed to be, and is, as correct as can be made from all the information accessible to

Your ob't servant,

GEO. T. THORN, *Mayor's Clerk.*

July 22d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 26.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PHILA. GAS WORKS, }
July 19th, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned have been directed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to report to Select and Common Councils the progress of the negotiation directed to be made in the 5th section of an Ordinance for the regulation of the Department of Gas, approved March 20th, 1855. Said section directs that the Trustees shall be authorized to negotiate for the purchase (subject to the approval of Councils,) of the property of the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Germantown Gas Company, and the Manayunk Gas Company, and in case the Trustees shall not be able to agree with either of the above Gas Companies, upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to Councils, the Trustees of the City Gas Works shall be authorized, and upon application of the citizens residing in those portions of the City lighted by the above Gas Companies, may extend the mains of the City Gas Works into such districts or sections, and proceed to supply the public lamps and furnish the citizens thereof with gas, subject to all the conditions and regulations of this or any other ordinance duly enacted by Councils, and at the same price as may be charged to citizens residing out of such districts.

Immediately after the passage of the said ordinance, inquiries were addressed to the various companies named above, for the purpose of ascertaining the terms on which they would be willing to sell their works to the City of Philadelphia.

Definite replies have been received from the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, and the Germantown Gas L. Co., stating the terms upon which they would be willing to sell their respective works. In the reply from the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, the President, Peter Williamson, Esq., says: "I am directed to inform you, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwark and Moyamensing

Gas Companies, held this day, acting in conjunction with a committee appointed by the stockholders, at a meeting held on the 26th inst., for the purpose of considering your communication relative to the price and upon what terms the Gas Works belonging to the Company can be purchased by the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, it was agreed to offer the same for the sum of one hundred and five thousand dollars, one-half of which to be paid in cash, and the other half in six months; subject, however, to the approval of the stockholders, at a meeting to be called for this purpose, should this offer meet your acceptance."

Messrs. Henry M. Berkenbine and W. D. Bell, representing the Germantown Gas L. Company, have submitted to the Board a statement of the cost of their works in all its departments, amounting to eighty-six thousand two hundred dollars, and it is believed that no material reduction will be made by the company from this price.

It is proper here to say, that there is included in the above cost of these works, a portion which, if taken by the City, would be valueless—we refer to the manufacturing department; and although fully impressed with the importance of having arrangements completed at an early day, whereby the cost of light both for public and private use shall be reduced to a uniform rate in all parts of the City, the undersigned are not prepared to recommend that Councils should sanction the purchase of either of these works upon the terms offered. In the case of the Southwark and Moyamensing Companies, it is believed that a modification of the terms may be proposed, which it will be to the interest of that Company to accede to, by which the consumers may be supplied at the reduced rate, without loss to the City or the Gas trust.

JOHN WIEGAND, *President.*

JOHN C. CRESSON, *Engineer.*

APPENDIX No. 27.

AN ORDINANCE

For the reduction of the salaries of certain officers.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That in lieu of the salaries now fixed by law, the yearly salaries of the following officers, from and after the expiration of the respective terms of office of the present incumbents, shall be as follows, viz :—

The yearly salary of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia shall be three thousand dollars, and all fees of office hereafter received by the Mayor, shall be paid by him into the City Treasury.

The yearly salary of the Mayor's Clerk shall be one thousand dollars.

The yearly salaries of the Messengers in attendance at the Mayor's office shall be five hundred dollars each.

The yearly salary of the City Controller shall be two thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Controller's Principal Clerk shall be one thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of each of the City Controller's Assistant Clerks shall be nine hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Controller's Messenger shall be five hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Treasurer shall be twenty-five hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Treasurer's Book-keeper shall be one thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Treasurer's Stock Clerk, and of the first and second Miscellaneous Clerks, shall be each eight hundred and fifty dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Treasurer's Messenger shall be five hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Receiver of Taxes shall be two thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of the Receiver of Taxes' Chief Clerk shall be one thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of each of the six Clerks of the Receiver of Taxes shall be eight hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Messenger of the Receiver of Taxes shall be five hundred dollars.

- The yearly salary of each Superintendent of Public Squares and Parks shall be five hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Superintendent of Independence Hall shall be six hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Superintendent of Spring Garden Hall shall be six hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Superintendent of the City Burial Ground shall be four hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the Supervisors shall be five hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the License Clerk in the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, shall be eight hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Superintendent of City Railroads shall be eight hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Marshal's Clerk shall be seven hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the City Solicitor shall be two thousand dollars.
- The yearly salary of the City Solicitor's First Assistant shall be fifteen hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the City Solicitor's other Assistants shall be nine hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the City Solicitor's Clerk shall be seven hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department shall be two thousand dollars.
- The yearly salary of the Register of Water Rents shall be fifteen hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the Water Purveyors shall be six hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the Enginemen and Engineers in the Water Department shall be six hundred dollars and dwelling, rent free.
- The yearly salary of each of the Water Inspectors shall be six hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the Firemen and Watchmen at the reservoirs shall be five hundred and fifty dollars.
- The yearly salary of the General Clerk of the Water Department shall be nine hundred dollars.
- The yearly salary of each of the Permit Clerks in the Water Department shall be eight hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Messenger in the Water Department shall be five hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Commissioner of Market Houses shall be five hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Wharton and Washington Markets, in the Second and Fourth Wards, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Eleventh Street Market, in the Third and Fourth Wards, shall be two hundred and fifty dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Second Street Market and Stands, from Chestnut street to South, in the Fifth Ward, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Market Street Market, from Front street to Seventh, and Stands on Second street from Market to Vine, in the Sixth Ward, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of each of the Clerks of the Markets and Stands on Market street from Seventh to Seventeenth street, and the Market at Race and Broad streets, in the Ninth and Tenth Wards, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Second Street Market and Stands from Vine to Poplar street, in the Eleventh Ward, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Callowhill Street Market, from Fourth to Seventh streets, in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Wards, shall be three hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Spring Garden Street Market, from Marshall to Twelfth street, in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards, shall be four hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Girard Avenue Market, from Sixth to Twelfth street, in the Twentieth Ward, shall be two hundred and fifty dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Franklin Avenue Market, from Sixth to Frankford road, in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards, shall be three hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Clerk of the Franklin Avenue Market East of Frankford road, and the Markets in Beach above Maiden, in York above Frankford road, in Lehigh avenue West of Richmond street, in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, shall be two hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings shall be seven hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of each of the City Commissioners shall be fifteen hundred dollars.

The yearly salary of the City Commissioners' Chief Clerk shall be one thousand dollars.

The yearly salary of each of the Assistant Clerks, and of the Recording Clerk in the Department of the City Commissioners, shall be seven hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. The said salaries shall be payable at the time and in the manner specified by law.

SECT. 3. No additional clerks or officers, not specified by ordinance, shall at any time be employed in any of the departments or by any of the officers of the City, without the consent of Councils being first obtained.

APPENDIX No. 28.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

The special committee to whom it was referred to inquire and report by what authority John M. Coleman, the Receiver of Taxes, employs counsel not connected with the Law Department of the City, and to whom was also referred a communication received at the City Solicitor's office from the Receiver of Taxes, upon the same subject, herewith submitted, marked (A), respectfully report—

That upon their organizing, they addressed a communication to Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., City Solicitor, requesting his opinion in writing upon the points involved in the inquiry submitted to them, which is herewith submitted, marked (B).

From a perusal of this opinion it will be seen that the City Solicitor, whilst perhaps conceding that the Receiver of Taxes retains the powers and duties of the County Treasurer, for the purpose of collecting the outstanding taxes due the Commonwealth, thinks that the collection of the remaining registered taxes, viz: the county, poor and road taxes are vested in the City Corporation and its officers.

Your committee concur in so much of the Solicitor's opinion as states that the registered county, poor and road taxes should be collected by the City officers, and regret that

a contrary course has been prevailing and still prevails, as thereby a large amount of money belonging to the City is received by parties not recognized by law, or directly amenable to the authority of the City; and the costs, fees, perquisites and emoluments received in the suits instituted for the recovery of such taxes, are not paid into the City Treasury as directed by the terms of the third section of the ordinance establishing the Law Department of this City. The committee do not feel bound to express any views in conflict with those of the City Solicitor, in regard to the registered taxes due the State, which, in his opinion, are distinguishable from the other registered taxes in their mode of collection. They may, however, venture to express the opinion that it seems incongruous and contrary to the spirit of the several Acts of Assembly and Ordinances terminating the functions of the County Treasurer, and defining the duties and authority of the Receiver of Taxes and City Solicitor, to allow a portion of the outstanding registered taxes to be collected by the Receiver in one capacity, and by legal means not now recognized by law, and another portion in another capacity and through the City Solicitor. As the matter stands at present, however, certain outstanding registered taxes seem to be irregularly collected, and in a manner that may prove detrimental to the City's interest.

As Councils, by a joint resolution passed January 25, 1855, (Journal of Common Council, Second Part, page 191,) instructed the City Solicitor to take immediate steps to collect the taxes yet remaining due and unpaid for the year 1853, and previous thereto, it is deemed unnecessary to do more than call the attention of that functionary to the terms of that resolution. If he is improperly interfered with in the discharge of his duties, he will of course know what remedy to adopt.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be requested to hand over forthwith to the City Solicitor, for collection, all claims for unpaid registered taxes.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be requested to take the earliest means of compliance with the joint resolution of Councils of January 25, 1855, upon the subject of collecting the taxes yet remaining due and unpaid for the year 1853, and previous thereto.

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

W. S. WINSHIP, <i>chairman</i> ,	} Committee.
WILLIAM DUANE,	
HENRY T. KING,	
GEO. W. BIDDLE,	
C. B. F. O'NEILL,	

August 9th, 1855.

(A.)

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, July 12th, 1855. }

To the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose for your consideration a communication received at this office from the Receiver of Taxes, relative to the registered taxes, in answer to your resolution of the 28th ult.

I am respectfully yours,

I. HAZLEHURST.

DEAR SIR:—John M. Coleman, Esq., referred to me your letter of the 2d inst., containing the resolution of inquiry of the Common Council of our City, as to by what authority he, John M. Coleman, Esq., employs counsel not connected with the Law Department, (of which you are the principal,) to collect the registered taxes of 1853, and prior.

Permit me, sir, to suggest, that on the 2d Tuesday of October, 1853, John M. Coleman, Esq., was elected County Treasurer.

That by virtue of his election so had, and the Act of the 15th of April, 1834, P. and B. 179, sec. 8, he gave bonds, which were approved of by the honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of this County, “for the faithful discharge of all duties enjoined upon him by law in behalf of this Commonwealth.”

The 19th sec. of the same Act, P. and B. 180, provides how he shall keep and pay over the money.

The Act of the 3d of February, 1824, P. and B. 601, sec. 1, made the City and County taxes a lien on real estate.

By an Act of the 16th of April, 1845, P. and B. 793, sec. 131, this said law of 1824 was extended to State taxes.

By the 9th sec. of the same Act, P. and B. 603, the County Treasurer was clothed with full power and authority to enforce the payment of registered taxes, and for that purpose to employ counsel and take such measures as might be necessary to collect the same, &c.

By the 14th sec. of the same Act, P. and B. 604, he is directed what taxes to collect, to wit: State, county, poor, &c.

The Act of the 2d of February, 1854, Sup. to P. and B. 1090, sec. 11, does not supersede the County Treasurer for State purposes, nor abridge his rights and powers to collect the registered taxes; but directs him to perform all the duties, and makes him liable to all the penalties contemplated by said act, for the Receiver of Taxes to be elected on the 1st Tuesday of May, 1856.

The 49th sec. of same Act, Sup. to P. and B. 1098, continues the County of Philadelphia to be one of the counties of the Commonwealth, and declares all officers not superseded by said Act, continued, &c. So also the 45th sec. of the same Act, Sup. to P. and B. 1099, declares that all acts of the Legislature, not inconsistent with the Act of the 2d of February, 1854, are to be continued until repealed by the Legislature.

I have the honor to remain your humble and obedient servant,

J. L. HUSBAND,

Solicitor for County Treasurer.

To I. HAZLEHURST, Esq., *City Solicitor.*

July 4th, 1855.

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(B.)

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, August 3, 1855. }

To W. S. WINSHIP, HENRY KING, GEO. W. BIDDLE,
Special Committee, &c.:

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your communication of the 31st ult., requesting my opinion in writing upon the subject contained in the inquiry, “by what authority John M. Coleman, the Receiver of Taxes, employs counsel not connected with the Law Department of the City.”

I have carefully considered the provisions of the several Acts of Assembly bearing upon the powers and duties of the Receiver of Taxes, and I reply as follows:

By an Act passed 3d February, 1824, it was provided that all taxes, rates and levies, assessed or imposed upon real estate in the City and County of Philadelphia, should be a lien upon such real estate. And it was made the duty of the Collector of Taxes, in all cases where the same were unpaid on the first of April, in the year following that in which they were due, to file with the County Commissioner a schedule of the taxes so due and unpaid, with the names of the persons charged with the tax, and a description of the property on which it was imposed. The schedule so filed counted an indefinite lien upon the real estate charged with the tax. The act provided no mode of enforcing payment except to authorize the seizure and sale of any personal property found on the premises.

An Act of 1845, limited the lien for five years, unless removed by *scire facias*, as in the case of mechanics' claims, and a further act passed the same year authorized the County Treasurer to enforce the payment of all registered taxes in a manner set forth in the act. The act directed that suit should be brought in the name of the County, and authorized him to employ counsel, who should be entitled for his services to a commission of five per cent. upon all sums collected by him. The Treasurer was directed to keep an account with the Treasurer of the City, each of the Incorporated Districts of the County, and of the Guardians of the Poor, and Supervisors of the roads of the respective Districts and Townships in the County, and credit them respectively with the taxes due, and as the same were collected to make payment thereof.

In 1846 an act authorized each Corporation to sue for its own taxes, and the County Treasurer was restrained to the collection of the state, county, poor and road taxes.

Finally, an Act of March 13, 1847, provided that suits for all registered taxes might be brought in the name of the County.

Before the passage of the Consolidation Act, it was the practice of the several Municipal Corporations, including the Guardians of the Poor, to authorize the County Treasurer to sue for and collect their registered taxes in the name of the

County. Many reasons recommended this course: the Sheriff and Prothonotary were not allowed to charge fees for any process when the County was the party bringing suit, the registration books were in the hands of the County officers, and as in every suit a description of the property against which the tax was assessed had to be obtained at an expense, the latter was duplicated in cases where the County sued for its tax, and the other corporations for theirs.

By the Act of Consolidation, all the powers, rights, privileges and immunities vested in and enjoyed by the County Treasurer and County Commissioners ceased, except so much thereof as might be necessary to enable the new Corporation of the City to collect outstanding debts. By the 37th section all the property, &c., &c., and all debts, dues and demands of the Corporations mentioned in the act, were transferred to and vested in the City, and by the 41st section Councils are authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the superseded County Commissioners, County Board, and of other officers not inconsistent with the act, in such manner as the act or as Councils may prescribe.

While the powers and duties of the Receiver of Taxes in the collection of taxes due the Commonwealth remain the same as those heretofore exercised by the County Treasurer, it seems to me from the provisions of the Acts of Assembly above mentioned, that the collection of the remaining registered taxes are vested in the City Corporation and its officers.

I deem it proper to add that this opinion is not agreeable to that held by the Solicitor of the County Treasurer, who insists that the registered taxes due to the County, as well as those due the State, are to be collected by the County Treasurer. Councils certainly can remove all doubt upon the subject by prescribing the modes in which they may be collected.

I am respectfully yours,

I. HAZLEHURST.

APPENDIX No. 30.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seventy-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$75,500) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Guardians of the Poor, for the following purposes, for the year 1855, that is to say :

For supplies to the Almshouse, - - -	\$24,000
For supplies to the Medical Department of the Almshouse, - - - - -	5,000
For supplies to the Children's Asylum of the same, - - - - -	1,000
For fuel for the Almshouse, - - - - -	1,000
For salaries, - - - - -	2,000
For incidental expenses, - - - - -	5,000
For expenses for the Manufacturing department, - - - - -	1,000
For expenses of the farm, - - - - -	1,000
For expenses of the Blockley estate, - - - - -	500
For out-door relief, - - - - -	35,000

APPENDIX No. 31.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay for work on the Police & Fire Alarm Telegraph, by virtue of a certain contract

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the same, in manner hereinafter mentioned, to John H. Purdy, William J. Philips and Charles Robinson, in part payment for their contract with the City of Philadelphia.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Mayor, when due, according to the terms of said contract.

SECT. 3. Upon the delivery of such warrants countersigned by the Controller to the City Treasurer, the said Treasurer shall issue and deliver to the person or persons in whose favor the same may be drawn or to their order, Certificates of City Debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which Certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance approved August 23d 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of Debt in pay-of Road Damages and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said Certificates shall be a portion of those authorized by the said Ordinance to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 32.

AN ORDINANCE

For the payment of damages for opening Spring Garden street in the Fifteenth Ward.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils do ordain, That the sum of eleven thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars be appropriated for the payment of the following claims, for damages to the property of the claimants by the opening of Spring Garden street, in the Fifteenth Ward, viz:

To Thomas Earp, five hundred dollars.

To the estate of Robert Earp, five hundred dollars.

To Hartman Kuhn, seven hundred dollars.

To Hartman Kuhn, one hundred dollars.

To Mary Ann Leeds, eighteen hundred and sixty-six dollars.

To the estate of Elizabeth Rubicam, fifteen hundred dollars.

To James Howard, three hundred and fifty dollars.

To Matthew Walker three hundred dollars.

To Jacob W. Horter, four hundred dollars.

To Peter Marseilles, two thousand and eighty dollars.

To Edward White, six hundred dollars.

To James F. Shannon, one hundred dollars.

To Enos Chapman, two hundred dollars.

To Richard Wistar, twenty-five hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropria-

tion shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways; but no warrant shall be drawn for the payment of any of the above claims for road damages, until the City Solicitor certify that no liens exist against the property, for injury to which the said sums are directed to be paid; or if any liens exist, that they have been satisfactorily released.

APPENDIX No. 33.

AN ORDINANCE

To enlarge the small culvert at the mouth of the Thompson street culvert, to the creek into which it empties, the same being about fifty feet.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed forthwith, to have the small culvert at the mouth of the Thompson street culvert enlarged to the same size as the Thompson street culvert.

APPENDIX No. 34.

AN ORDINANCE

To fix and establish the mode of curbing and paving and of grading and constructing culverts within the City of Philadelphia.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That all petitions for setting curbstone or for paving the cartway or footways of any street or other highway within the City of Philadelphia, shall distinctly specify the street or highway, giving the name and location and the portion thereof upon which such curbing or paving is required to be done, and shall be signed by an owner or owners or their duly authorized agents of the property fronting on such street or highway.

SECT. 2. All such petitions may be presented to either branch of Councils, and shall thereupon be referred to the Committee of Highways; the said committee shall periodically, at least once in each month, direct the Chief Commissioner of

Highways to give public notice that such petitions have been presented to Councils and referred to the said committee, and that the said committee will meet the parties interested, at a time and place to be designated in such notice, to hear their objections, if any they have to offer, why such curbing or paving should not be done, which said notice shall be as brief and concise as is consistent with the object to be attained by it, and shall be published three alternate days in one week, immediately preceding the day of the said meeting, in two daily newspapers having the largest circulation.

SECT. 3. At such meeting the said committee shall proceed to hear all parties interested in such paving or curbing, either by themselves or their agents or attorneys, and while such hearing is proceeding, the meeting room of the committee shall be open to all persons who shall properly behave themselves, and when the hearing shall be closed the committee shall thereupon determine whether such paving or curbing shall be done, and if a majority of the said committee agree that such work ought to be done, they shall submit to the next meeting of Councils a report, with a resolution appended, directing such street or highway to be curbed or paved, as the case may be.

SECT. 4. Whenever Councils shall pass a resolution ordering and directing any such paving or curbing to be done, it shall thereupon be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Highways to give public notice that proposals will be received for doing the work of and furnishing the materials for such paving or curbing, which said notice shall distinctly specify the required character and quality of such paving or curbing; and if there be more than one street to be paved or curbed, proposals shall be received for each of such streets separately. Said notice shall distinctly designate the day and hour up to which proposals will be received, and shall further state that the contractors for such paving or curbing will be required to collect their compensation for the same from the owners of property fronting on the street in which the same is done, and all such notices shall be published on three alternate days in each week, for two weeks prior to the day fixed for receiving such proposals, in two daily newspapers having the largest circulation as aforesaid.

SECT. 5. The Committee on Highways shall meet at the time designated in the said notice, for opening the said pro-

posals, and the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall proceed to open said proposals in the presence of said committee. And the said committee shall thereupon deliberate and determine to which of the said bidders the said work ought to be given and shall report to the next meeting of Councils the names of each and all of the bidders for the said work, and the price or prices bid by each of them respectively, with a resolution appended to such report, allotting the said work to one or more of the said bidders.

SECT. 6. Upon the passage of any resolution by Councils allotting the curbing or paving of any street or highway to any person or persons, the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall direct such person to proceed with such work without unnecessary delay, and the said Chief Commissioner, or some one or two of the Supervisors to be designated by him, shall watch over the said work while it is progressing, to see that the same is done and performed according to the terms of the contract for doing such work.

SECT. 7. When the said work is finished and completed, the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall direct the Regulator of the proper district in which such work has been done, to measure the same and apportion the cost thereof, according to the price to be paid to the contractor therefor, among the owners of such property fronting on said street or highway, according to the size of their fronts respectively. And the said Regulator shall make two returns of such measurement, specifying distinctly therein the names of each owner or reputed owner, the size, and a brief description of each property fronting on such street or highway, and the quantity of work and the amount of the whole sum to be charged to each of the said properties respectively; one of which returns he shall deliver to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to be filed in his office, and the other he shall deliver to the contractor who has done the said work.

SECT. 8. Upon receiving said return from the Regulator, the contractor who has done the said work, his or their proper agent or attorney, may proceed to collect and receive the claims assessed and charged in the said return of the said Regulator, and may file liens therefor, using the corporate name of "The City of Philadelphia," to the use of such contractor or contractors, and such contractor or contractors, or his or their duly authorized agent, shall have, possess and be

vested with all the legal rights and remedies that now are or may hereafter be by law vested in the Corporation of "The City of Philadelphia," for the collection and recovery of Municipal claims for paving, &c.

SECT. 9. The cost of curbing and paving the cartways and footways, at the intersections of all streets and highways, shall be paid to the said contractors out of the City Treasury, upon the return of the measurement and cost thereof, to be made by the Regulator to the Chief Commissioner of Highways as aforesaid. The bill therefor shall be certified correct and the warrant drawn by the said Chief Commissioner, and the bill certified as aforesaid shall be delivered to the Controller, at the time the warrant is presented to him to be countersigned, and the same shall be filed in his office in the manner customary and usual with such bills.

SECT. 10. All petitions for paving, curbing, &c., heretofore presented, upon which Councils have not taken final action, shall be advertised and proceeded with in the manner designated by this ordinance.

SECT. 11. All culverts hereafter constructed in or under any street or highway, within the City of Philadelphia, shall be built and constructed at the cost of, and shall be charged to the owners of property fronting upon the street wherein such culvert is constructed, in like manner with the cost of curbing and paving. But the cost of such culverts, where they cross the intersections of streets, and of all public inlets, shall be paid for out of the City Treasury, in the manner and under the regulations fixed by this ordinance, concerning the mode of paying for the paving and curbing of intersections of streets.

SECT. 12. All petitions for erecting and constructing culverts shall be presented, referred to the proper committee and be proceeded with in all respects and in like manner with petitions for curbing and paving, as set forth and designated by this ordinance; and the contractors for the work of constructing culverts shall have all legal remedies for the recovery from the owners of property of all claims for such work, in like manner as is provided in this ordinance concerning claims for paving and curbing.

SECT. 13. Inasmuch as it will be necessary to the establishment of a well-regulated system of drainage that culverts shall be larger in some localities than in others, and as it

would be unfair to charge one owner for a culvert in front of his property more than another, the Board of Regulators shall, without delay, proceed to fix and determine the minimum size of culverts which shall be constructed on any public street, and the owners of property shall be charged only with the proper proportionate cost of such minimum sized culvert.

SECT. 14. When any culvert has been completed the proper Regulator shall proceed to measure the same and apportion the cost thereof, among the several owners of property, in like manner as with curbing and paving; and in computing the sums to be charged to the said owners, in all cases where the culvert erected is larger than the size fixed by the regulators, he shall proceed to ascertain what would be the cost of such minimum sized culvert, in proportion to the cost of such larger size, and shall charge only the proper cost of such minimum size to the owners of property as aforesaid, and the difference between the cost of such minimum sized culvert and the one constructed, shall be paid to the proper contractor out of the City Treasury.

SECT. 15. Hereafter, all grading of streets and highways shall be done only upon the petition of the parties or persons owning or interested in the property in front of which such grading is to be done, and the cost and expense of all grading shall be charged to the owners of the property in front of which the same shall be done, in like manner with paving, curbing and culverting.

SECT. 16. All petitions for grading shall take the course designated by this ordinance, in like manner with petitions for paving. And the contracts therefor, shall be allotted by Councils, upon the report of the proper committee, making known the items of all the bids for such work, with the names of all the bidders, in like manner as with contracts for paving, and the contractors by whom such grading is done, shall collect the cost and charges for their work from the owners of property, and have all legal remedies for the recovery of such claims, in like manner as with claims for curbing, paving and constructing culverts.

APPENDIX No. 35.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LANE SCHOFIELD'S CLAIM.

To the President and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—The special committee appointed by your resolution of July 12th, 1855, to investigate the claim of Lane Schofield, and report to you, respectfully submit the following :

Your committee have devoted a great deal of time and careful attention to the investigation of all the matters relating to and growing out of the contract between the late District of Penn and Lane Schofield. If all the documents, contracts, reports of committees and evidence of witnesses were to be printed, they would make a book of over one hundred pages, and place the facts of the case in such positions as to make it difficult to extricate them from the appearance of a personal difficulty

Your committee have examined the contract between Lane Schofield and the late District of Penn, and they deem it a duty to say, that if that contract be a fair specimen of the manner in which the public business in the late District of Penn was transacted, it deserves the reprobation of all correct and honest legislators.

The amount of the contract was \$18,000, under two distinct specifications—one for \$5,000, the other for \$13,000. The dispute is in relation to the \$5,000 culvert ; the facts in regard to the work being well done, as well as to the prices to be paid, are not disputed. The only and main disputed point being—who broke the contract. The witnesses on behalf of Lane Schofield testify that Lane Schofield was obliged to abandon the work on account of the non-payment of bonds, according to the contract, as the work progressed. This is Lane Schofield's own testimony, corroborated by Mr. Haines, the Surveyor of the late District of Penn ; also, of a Mr. Polard, member of the Board of Commissioners of said district, and of Albert Schofield, the son and clerk of his father, Lane Schofield. Several members of the last Councils, who were also members of the Committee on Highways, were examined, and corroborated the above testimony, as well as the fact that they thought the claim of Lane Schofield to be just.

On the other hand, it was in evidence before your committee, on the part of Mr. Wood, late clerk of Penn District, that the contract was broken by Lane Schofield; and that he had offered the bonds to the said Schofield, which were refused.

This claim of Lane Schofield has been before four different committees, and each has reported in favor of the claim. The regular joint Committee of Highways have fully investigated the claim and reported nearly unanimously in favor of its justice and payment.

Your committee, therefore, in view of the facts and the evidence, respectfully report in favor of the claim of Lane Schofield, as approved and reported to you from the Committee on Highways.

Statement of Lane Schofield's Account.

Amount of contract, - - - - -	\$5,000 00
Other work done for Penn District, admitted as correct by the Surveyor, and allowed by the Committee on Highways, - - - - -	992 50
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	\$5,992 50
Credit by cash paid Lane Schofield, \$2,500 in bonds and \$150 in cash, - - - - -	2,650 00
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	\$3,342 50
From which deduct the amount to finish the culvert, as per survey of Haines, - - - - -	333 33
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Leaving a balance due Lane Schofield of -	\$3,009 17

Your committee also append to their report, for further information, the report of the last committee appointed to investigate the said claim of Lane Schofield.

GEORGE F. GORDON, *chairman*,
W. S. WINSHIP.

I concur in the report of the committee as to the amount found due to the said Lane Schofield.

ALEXANDER HENRY.

In May, 1853, Lane Schofield entered into a contract with the commissioners and inhabitants of the District of Penn, to construct a culvert from Schuylkill Sixth and Thompson streets, to Schuylkill Fifth and Girard avenue, for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000,) to be paid in instalments upon certificates received from the Surveyor of the district, Henry Haines. The first and second certificates were given and twenty-five hundred dollars received on them. The third was received on Saturday, 20th day of August, and given to the chairman of the Committee on Culverts, who refused to give an order on the Treasurer of the district. On the first day of September, after having sacrificed \$1,500 of Reading railroad bonds, and \$1,000 of Pennsylvania railroad stock, the contractor was driven from the work. Having notified the chairman of the committee that unless he gave him an order on the treasurer for bonds in accordance with the certificate of the Surveyor, he would be compelled to quit the work. The committee originally consisted of Messrs. Gratz, Bates, Sims, Pollard and Harney. After the letting, Pollard and Harney were ruled off the committee—Gratz, Bates and Sims forming then the committee. The contractor had never seen Sims, he not being looked upon as one of the committee, and as he (Sims) says, was never consulted by his colleagues in relation to the culvert. At the organization of the new Councils, Lane Schofield presented a communication in relation to the settlement of his claim, which was referred to the Committee on Highways, who, at a meeting convened for that purpose, and after a careful examination of all the facts, awarded Lane Schofield \$3,009 17.

The committee present at the meeting consisted of Messrs. Copeland, Peter A. Keyser, Roberts, Cornman, Hubbard, Miller, Butcher, Marsellis, and one or two others. The District of Penn was represented by Mr. Gratz, Mr. Grout, their Solicitor, Mr. Haines their Surveyor. Lane Schofield was represented by his son, Albert R. Schofield; Mr. Birch, the Chief Commissioner of Highways, as well as Mr. Olmstead, the Solicitor, were present on the part of the City. The report of the committee was unanimous. The ordinance was presented to the chamber and on account of the sickness of the chairman, and a great press of other business lying on the table, it was not reached during the last Council.

At the organization of the present Council, Lane Schofield

presented a communication in relation to a settlement of his claim, which was referred to the Committee on Highways, who requested me to report the same ordinance as was reported to the last Council :

Amount of contract,	-	-	-	\$5,000	00
Private work for district, admitted as correct by the Chairman and Surveyor, and allowed by the Committee on Highways,	-	-	-	992	50
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				\$5,992	50
To credit by cash on account,					
Bonds,	-	-	-	\$2,500	
Cash,	-	-	-	150	
				<hr/>	2,650
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				\$3,342	50
From which deduct the amount of work unfinished by Lane Schofield, the same having been measured by Henry Haines and Earl Shinn, as by resolution of Board of Commissioners, and found to be	-	-	-	\$333	33
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				\$3,009	17

MINORITY REPORT.

In the matter of the claim of Lane Schofield, the undersigned, members of the committee appointed to report the facts in relation thereto, beg leave to submit the following, as their reasons for not agreeing with the majority of said committee, in their report :

Lane Schofield contracted with the District of Penn to build two culverts, to be completed before October 1st, 1853, for the sum of \$18,000. Of this sum, \$13,000 was to be paid for one culvert, and \$5,000 for the other. The culvert which was to be built for \$13,000, Schofield never commenced—of the other, he completed four-fifths, and then abandoned it, leaving it to be finished by the district, which was done at the expense of \$867. By the terms of the contract, 20 per cent. of the whole contract price was to be retained by the Commissioners until the completion of the culvert. Previous

to Schofield's abandonment of the work, he had been paid according to the terms of the contract, in the district bonds, the sum of \$2,650. Sometime in the latter end of August or the beginning of September, 1853, it was ascertained there was due Schofield on this work some \$700 or \$800, at which time Schofield desired that a bond in his favor for \$1500 should be drawn. This was refused, on the ground that that amount was not due him. After this, some ten days' more work was done on the culvert, when Mr. Haines, the District Surveyor, certified that a bond in Schofield's favor might safely be drawn for \$1,000. This bond was drawn, or an offer to that effect was made by Mr. Wood, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, who was duly authorized to draw such a bond. This bond Schofield positively refused accepting, insisting that the bond should be for \$1500. There was some conflict in the testimony as to whether the bond was offered before or after the work was abandoned by Schofield. Mr. Wood testified that the offer was made before the abandonment of the work. But the undersigned do not deem it material in the inquiry as to who broke this contract, whether the bond was offered before or after Schofield had refused to proceed with the work. The proper inquiry being, did the District of Peen fail to comply with its obligations under the contract? If it did not, Schofield was not justified in refusing to perform his part of the contract. From the evidence before the committee, it appeared that not more than \$1000 was due him when he stopped the work, which was tendered him.

By the terms of the contract, Schofield was to be paid as the work progressed, in bonds of not less than \$500. The only specification then of the amount that should be due him when he would be entitled to a bond, was that it should not be less than \$500.

Schofield showed a determination not to complete this work, else when he was offered the \$1,000 bond he would have accepted it and went on to the performance of his contract. It appears he would have been willing to do so if \$1500 had been paid him, thus showing that he did not consider the contract at an end, but that he thought himself at liberty to resume the work whenever the Board of Commissioners would comply with his demands.

The contract to build these culverts was an entire one, and whatever damages the district may have sustained by

Schofield's non-performance of the same should be made a set-off against this claim. And whether the contract was or was not an entire one the same principle as to set-off is applicable. The completion of the larger culvert cost the district some \$9,000 more than the contract price with Schofield for the same. This was owing to the fact, that at the time when the culvert was completed, materials and labor were much higher than when the contract was made with Schofield.

It was further stated to the committee, that when the work was given to Schofield, a proposition from a responsible party was before the committee, offering to construct the smaller of the culverts for \$1,425 less than the price at which it was given to Schofield, but that the work was given to Schofield because his offer for building the larger culvert was the lowest—which part of the contract, as has already been stated, Schofield never touched. The evidence before the committee was very meagre in its character, and does not, in the opinion of the undersigned, warrant the conclusions of the majority of your committee.

Mr. Grout, who was Solicitor of the district at the time this contract was made, and other gentlemen who, from the positions they held in the district at the time, must know much in reference to this matter, were not before your committee; and from the evidence given to the committee it was impossible for the committee to ascertain what the city should in justice claim by way of set-off, on account of the breach of the contract on the part of Schofield. And the damage must be ascertained before any amount can be reported as due Schofield, for the law does not allow parties to break their contracts at pleasure, subject those with whom they have contracted to extraordinary expense by the reason of such breach, and then recover the full amount for the work they have done. If the actual loss sustained by the district be the measure of damages to be set off against Schofield's claim, it would make him the debtor and not the creditor. But the undersigned did not consider it their duty to sit as jury in this matter, and if they had considered such to be their duty, they would have required a fuller investigation than was had, before they could have come to a conclusion as to amounts. We were driven to the alternative of allowing the whole of the claim, independent of the question of damages, or of declining to fix any amount as due either party. As the

former course, under the circumstances, would be most unjust to the city, we have chose to pursue the latter course, and present the following propositions, which it is thought are to be deduced from the evidence submitted to your committee:

First.—That Lane Schofield failed to perform his part of the contract between himself and the District of Penn.

Second.—That for his failure aforesaid, he has no legal defence, as the concurrent stipulations of the district in said contract were faithfully complied with by the district.

Third.—That by reason of Lane Schofield's failure to perform his part of the contract, the district sustained damage to the amount of some \$9,000.

Fourth.—As Lane Schofield, without justifiable cause, refused to perform his portion of the contract, and as the district, by such non-performance sustained damage, he is liable to them in damages, the amount of which your committee had not the means of justly fixing.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. KING,
GEO. A. BINDER.

APPENDIX No. 36.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DAMAGES TO J. HARPER AND COMPANY.

To the President and Members of Common Council:

The special committee appointed to consider the petition and examine the premises of J. Harper & Co., respectfully submit the following report:

That we have made a very thorough examination of the whole matter. We found about three feet of water in the engine room of Harper & Co.'s factory, all efforts to pump out having proved fruitless. The premises have been in this condition since July 6, 1855.

Your committee found that a culvert had been constructed many years since from the north-west corner of Ninth and Franklin avenue. This culvert crosses the avenue diagonally into private property, within about thirty feet of the premises above named. At this point it makes a northern return,

crossing the avenue diagonally, discharging its contents upon an open lot, which lot has been recently filled up, the consequences of which have been the almost ruin of the before-mentioned company. Your committee, after a full and careful examination of all the circumstances, are unanimously of the opinion that the said J. Harper & Co. are entitled to damages from the city.

We submit, as part of our report, the detailed statement of the above party, marked (A), which we have adopted and agreed to recommend as the amount of damages to which J. Harper & Co. are justly entitled.

And, in furtherance of our report, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

To make appropriation for damages to J. Harper & Co.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, that the sum of two thousand seven hundred and three dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay damages awarded to James Harper & Co.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, in the usual form.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *chairman*,
GEO. F. GORDON,
GEO. M. SANDGRAN,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
JOHN FULLER, JR.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council of
the City of Philadelphia:*

The memorial of the undersigned, owners and occupiers of a Steam Saw Mill situate on the south side of Franklin avenue, near Eighth street, in the Twentieth Ward, respectfully represent: That owing to the defective manner in which the drainage of their property has been placed by the public authorities, the undersigned have from continued flooding of water, caused by such want of proper drainage, sustained

great and heavy losses in their business, and to their property above mentioned, and are at the same time under certain apprehension of like disasters from the like cause; in view of all which, the undersigned respectfully ask your body to appoint a special committee to visit the premises, the better to ascertain the actual condition and the extent of damage sustained by the undersigned from the causes above stated, in order to enable Councils to know what reparation they ought to make to the undersigned for the losses already suffered, and to take further measures for the future preservation of the property of the undersigned, as in right and justice they expect from those in whom is placed the authority to do all that is asked by the undersigned to this communication.

JAMES HARPER & Co.

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COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 6th, 1855. }

At a meeting of Common Council held this day, the following members were appointed, on petition of James Harper & Co., to visit their property and examine as to their damage: Messrs. O'Neill, chairman, Gibson, Fuller, Gordon, Sandgran.

Extract from the minutes.

Attest,

JOHN M. RILEY,
Clerk of Common Council.

To C. B. F. O'NEILL, Esq., *chairman*.

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(A.)

Statement made for examination by the Committee in James Harper & Co.'s case, for Damages against the city of Philadelphia.

To amount paid for bailing and pumping water by hands, and running the engine all Sunday night, July 9,	\$25 00
To am't expenses incurred for bailing, pumping and running the engine to try and keep clear of water, from the 10th to 21st July last,	123 00
Amount carried forward,	\$148 00

Amount brought forward, - -	\$148 00
To am't paid for pumping water and bailing from 21st to 28th July, - - - -	19 00
To am't paid by order of Board of Health, for pumping and bailing from 28th July to Aug. 11th,	38 62
To am't paid engineer's wages from July 21st to Sept. 21st, at which time we hope to start, he has been employed to keep the engine from en- tire destruction, having taken it mostly apart,	90 00
To am't of Spring, Hess & Co., and Pascall Years- ly's estimate to repair engine, rebuild the boiler, and reline the engine, as per their estimates submitted, \$1,000, and of this amount we ask \$650, as we think it can be done for that price,	650 00
To am't of damages by water on the turned work, bed-posts, &c., also, walnut and mahogany ve- neers in cellars adjoining, and chair stuff in cellar, with the engine, at least \$250, ask - -	175 00
To am't bill of damages claimed of me by T. S. Price, tenant in second and third stories, for not supplying him with four-horse power, as per agreement, \$33 per week, which is calculated to 21st Sept., which time we expect to start,	292 00
To am't of bill paid for staying and fastening up the building on the west side of the mill, -	20 00
To am't of bill of damages claimed by Jas. Mahony, which amount he says he has really paid out to hands and apprentice boys, which he will claim,	125 00
To am't of lost time to James Harper & Co., from July 21st to September 21st, 9 weeks, \$50,	450 00
There will also be to me a loss of rent from T. S. Price of nine weeks, at \$400 per annum, and James Mahony nine weeks, at \$350 per annum, which they say they have not calculated to pay in making their bills, which we hold for damages, Price \$69 75, Mahony \$60 75, (these bills were for their actual losses already sustained,)	130 50
Will cost to rebuild the bolt shop, which is now in a falling condition from the inundation, at least	65 00
To am't of injury to James Harper & Co. by loss of contracts, and losses already sustained by	

24 Amount carried forward, - - \$2,203 12

Amount brought forward, - -	\$2,203 12
giving out those already made at losses to us, loss of trade, which has become much scattered, and in all probability will but in a very small proportion ever return, will be at least \$2,000, for which we only ask \$500, say nothing of the expenses of over 600 feet of 30 inch culvert which I am compelled to put down, by direc- tions as to size, for my own use, - -	500 00
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This I offer to the city of Philadelphia, through Council, as a compromise, if amicably accepted after their examination by committee, but do not name this as my whole damage should I be compelled to recover by suit.

MESSRS. JAMES HARPER & Co.—*Sirs*:—I shall hold you responsible to me for damages for not supplying me with my power, as per agreement, from the 21st of July to September 21st, at which time you say you will be running again, say at \$33 per week.

THOS. L. PRICE.

JAMES HARPER & Co.—*Gentlemen*:—You are hereby notified, in consequence of your failure to supply me with power to prosecute my business, I will be compelled to ask and expect you to make reparation in part. Knowing as I do your own losses have been very heavy, I only desire monies I have been compelled to pay journeymen employed under contract, and apprentice boys bound, amounting in all to \$125, be refunded. The losses I have sustained by a stoppage of business, I am not disposed to say anything about. Trusting this may be satisfactory,

I remain, gent's, &c.,

J. MAHONY.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4th, 1855.

HEALTH OFFICE, Aug. 8th, 1855.

To Mr. Price, owner, or to the agent or occupier of premises situate south-west corner of Franklin street and Girard avenue.

You are hereby notified and required to have removed forthwith, a certain nuisance on the above described property,

arising from stagnant water in the cellar, which nuisance has been complained of by citizens residing contiguous thereto, and declared to be prejudicial to the public health. On failure to do and perform which, the said nuisance will be removed at your expense, and a lien entered, agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Assembly.

By order of the Board of Health.

T. BEDFORD, *Messenger*.

Extract from the Act of Assembly of January 29, 1818, for Establishing a Health Office, &c.

SECT. 27. "If the owners or occupiers of the premises on which any nuisance may be found, and the owners of the houses to which the said privies are appurtenant, shall, on due notice thereof, refuse or neglect to have the same immediately removed, emptied or corrected, as aforesaid, he, she or they so refusing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, any sum, not less than *twenty* nor more than *two hundred dollars*, to be recovered and appropriated as by this Act directed."

MESSRS. J. HARPER & Co.—*Gents*:—Having examined your steam engine and apparatus, we consider that it will require at least one thousand dollars to put it in good order.

Respectfully, yours,

Sept. 8th, 1855.

SPRING, HESS & Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8th, 1855.

TO MESSRS. JAMES HARPER & Co.—*Gentlemen*:—After having examined the condition of your steam engine and boiler and steam apparatus, in consultation with the firm of Spring, Hess & Co., I beg leave to report that it will cost you about one thousand dollars to put the same in good condition, and set it at work again in good order, all of which I beg leave most respectfully to report to you.

Yours, truly,

PASCALL YEARSLEY.

APPENDIX No. 37.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MOORE STREET CULVERT.

The special committee appointed to inquire respecting certain alterations made in the bids for building the Moore street culvert, respectfully report :

That having made as thorough an investigation in the matter of the alleged alterations in certain proposals for the building of the Moore street culvert, as was deemed necessary, they are not able to say upon the evidence elicited, when or by whom the said alterations were made. The Chief Commissioner of Highways denies having had any knowledge of them until they were brought to his notice by others, when, upon examining the papers, he saw and admitted that the bids of Mr. McCloskey and of Mr. Pickins, for excavation, appeared to have been changed, the one from 14 to 44 cents, and the other from $13\frac{1}{2}$ to $63\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

The Commissioners, who were also examined, assert their ignorance of any alterations, until they were informed after making their estimates and reports of the bids, that those of McCloskey and Pickins, for excavation, had been altered as already described. On the other hand, Michael McCloskey and Robert Pickins, who were the bidders, and Jas. McCloskey, who put in the proposals for his father, Michael McCloskey, all testified under oath, that the bids for excavation as put in by them were altered after they had been deposited in the hands of the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

An inspection of the original papers shows that the bids in question were first changed, in one instance by converting the figure one into the figure four, and in the other case the figure one into the figure six, and that they were afterwards re-altered by erasures so as to restore the units as originally written.

Your committee, therefore, cannot, upon such testimony, pretend to account for a fact which appears palpably on the face of the proposals. They, however, deem it proper to append to their report, for the satisfaction of the Council, the evidence obtained in the course of the examination of the several witnesses summoned before them. They, moreover, esteem it their duty to say that the Chief Commissioner of Highways, in volunteering to alter, and actually altering the

bids of McCloskey and Pickins, for excavation, from what they appeared to be as written in their proposals, to what the said persons averred them to have been when originally put in, exceeded his authority in a manner which cannot be sanctioned hereafter without exposing individuals, as well as the government, to gross injustice and wrong. His duty evidently was to have reported the bids as he found them upon unsealing the papers, and in assuming to modify them upon the allegations of an error in them by any body, much less interested parties, he was, though he may have acted from no improper motive, guilty of a dangerous and highly censurable arrogation of power.

Your committee, respectfully submitting the above as their report, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRED. W. GRAYSON,
GEO. W. BIDDLE,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAMUEL BARTON.

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AUGUST 8th, 1855.

Committee appointed to examine into the alterations alleged to have been made in the proposals for the construction of the Moore street culvert. Present—Messrs. Grayson, Spencer Roberts and Biddle.

Mr. Birch sworn.—Please state where and when the papers were received? Received by me and opened in the presence of the whole Board. When? Some not received until the morning of opening; they were placed in one of the drawers in the large desk in my office; the proposals for cleaning the streets were thrown in with them; the drawers were locked; for opening proposed blank day. Had any one access besides yourself? No; the drawer was frequently opened in the interval, and frequently a bunch of keys left in the drawers during intervals of the day; the bids were opened in the presence of the Commissioners, some of whom kept a tally list as the bids were called out; when the bid of McCloskey was opened, 44 for excavation, Robert Pickins 63½; I broke the seals of the bids; the bid of Mr. McCloskey did not appear to have been altered; the alterations were made after; some

days after the bids were opened, Mr. Pickins came in to me and stated that the bids were understood to be $63\frac{1}{2}$; he remarked that his bid had been altered, as his bid was $13\frac{1}{2}$; I made no reply, but looking at the figures, they look as if they had been altered; Mr. Pickins made the remark that the ink was not alike; I then made the alteration back to 14 and $13\frac{1}{2}$ respectively; the seals did not appear to have been opened before I opened them; I never saw the bids until opened by me in presence of the board.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

John H. Parker, sworn.—I was present when the bids were opened; was Secretary of the Board; have been so since the Board was organized; read off immediately after being opened; kept no record; Mr. Birch did; did not appear that any alteration had been made when I saw them; Mr. Birch opened the bids and read them off; did not go to the drawer where the bids were.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

James H. Hurtt, sworn.—I know nothing relative to the alterations; Mr. Birch opened the bids; nothing said about any alterations when opened; had no conversation with either McCloskey or Pickins; I never was in the drawers.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

Chas. McCowan, sworn.—Kept a record of the bids; I do not know the time when the proposals of Moore street culvert were opened; never had access to the drawers; present when the bids were opened and kept tally list A; noticed nothing unusual in the bids; did not examine the bids at the time; Mr. Pickins was after me almost every day as to what chance of his getting the Moore street culvert; declined telling him; did not want the culvert unless he was the lowest bidder; I told him if he depended on that chance he could not get the contract, his bid was too high; I told him this after the bids were opened, and previous to anything being said respecting the alterations; he pressed me very close to know what his bid was; I laughed at him and finally told him the idea of his getting the contract for excavation, at $63\frac{1}{2}$ cents, was absurd; he said his bid was not in at that price; I asked him what it was; he said he did not know at that time as he had not the bids with him; he then commenced searching in his pockets and

picked out a paper, one of the printed proposals, with figures to each item; he pointed to the item of excavation and showed me the figures $13\frac{1}{2}$, and said if it was not that it was altered; nothing else passed at that interview; next day he called at the office and asked me if he could see his proposal; I told him I thought he could; I would go and see Mr. Birch; I then saw Mike McCloskey, who came in after him; Mr. Birch then showed him the one marked Pickins; before Mr. Birch or Pickins said anything, McCloskey, Pickins' partner, said that has been altered; it is a different colored ink; anybody can see it; he then called Mr. Birch's attention to where it had been altered; Mr. Birch pulled out McCloskey's bid and he said that had been altered also with different colored ink; I do not know in whose hand writing McCloskey's bid is; I examined the alteration, and it was plain it had been altered; I observed at that time the alteration did appear to have been made for the purpose of concealment; I don't recollect that either made a reply to the answer—McCloskeys, father and son; Mike McCloskey, Pickins' partner, did not exhibit any astonishment or anger when I told him his bid was $63\frac{1}{2}$; the printed specification is in form annexed to the Report of the Committee on Highways; the proposals were not announced as I know until announced in Councils by the Report of the Committee on Highways.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

Geo. Myers sworn.—I did not see any of the proposals for the Moore street culvert; was present when they were opened; all the Commissioners and Mr. Birch were present when opened; I never examined the proposals of Mr. Pickins and McCloskey until after the report that they had been altered; the first I heard of it was the report in Council, a week afterwards; when I first saw the bids after this, they stood as they now stand; some time after I met Mr. Pickins, who said they had been altered somewhere, and laughed at the idea of his wanting $63\frac{1}{2}$ for excavation; I think I told him that was not much higher above the highest than the lower was below the lowest; very little else said; I had no acquaintance with the man; I believe I have stated all my knowledge of the subject.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

F. Emhardt sworn.—I am one of the Commissioners; first I saw of them was the day they were opened; all the Commissioners and Chief Commissioner were present; no one else;

I saw Mr. Birch open and read them, and did not see them after; at the time it was mentioned in Councils was the first I heard of the alteration; never examined them; I never until now saw the alterations of McCloskey & Pickins to the best of my knowledge; never heard McCloskey or Pickins speak of the alterations; don't know them; Mr. Birch gathered the bids after read, and put them into his drawers; sent the recommendations with the bids to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Birch re-examined.—Bids opened on Saturday, 23d June; adjourned without any action until Tuesday, at which time the Committee on Highways met, when the bids with the recommendations were sent to the committee; I was before the Committee on Highways when they were laid before them; they did not remark the alterations in the bids; not until the next meeting of the Committee were the alterations made known.

Sworn and subscribed this eighth day of August, 1855.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Aug. 9, 1855.

Committee met.—Present, Messrs. Grayson, Biddle and Spencer Roberts.

Jas. McCloskey sworn.—I put in proposals for my father; the proposals annexed to the Report of the Committee on Highways is in my hand-writing; when I put the proposal in the item of excavation was 14 cents, without any erasure or alteration; my proposals were in an adhesive envelope, also waxed, and addressed to Thomas Birch, Chief Commissioner of Highways, also endorsed Proposals for Moore street culvert; I do not recollect exactly the day it was handed in, but think it was the 12th of July I handed it to Mr. Birch; saw it as near as I recollect about two weeks after; the figures following excavation was altered by a prefix before the 1; the added figures 14 were not there at that time, nor was there any erasure as now appears; I then saw that paper in Birch's hands; I told Birch it had been altered from 14 to 44; Mr. Birch said it undoubtedly had, or words to that effect; I think Mr. Birch also said he would place it before the Commissioners;

that it would not alter my bid ; the alteration as it now appears was not then made, nor do I know when it was made ; never had any conversation with Mr. Birch afterwards about it ; I never had any conversation with any of the Commissioners on the subject ; my only knowledge as to how or when the alteration from 14 to 44 was made, is the knowledge that the alteration must have been made between the time I put in the bid and when I saw the bid in Mr. Birch's hands, as before stated ; this copy of the bids was made on the 15th of June, the day on which it bears date ; I think I handed the proposal in the Saturday after the date of the bid ; it might have been a day or two days after the bids were made out that I handed it ; I am positive the seal was perfect. The proposals were sealed up and carried in my pocket-book until delivered to Birch ; the bids were made out on 15th June and handed in 16th, nobody having access to them during that time. My brother wrote the application of Mr. Pickins, annexed to the report of the Commissioners of Highways.

Sworn and subscribed this ninth day of August, 1855.

Miller N. Everly sworn.—Am one of the Commissioners ; I cannot recollect the day when I saw the bids opened, but it was on the day allotted ; I did not see the bids ; I heard them read by the Chief Commissioner ; I kept a tally list ; I first heard the alterations were made in casual conversation ; I never saw the bid or proposals, except in Birch's hands, until to-day ; I never handled any of them myself ; never saw the alteration until to-day.

Sworn and subscribed this ninth day of August, 1855.

Mr. Meyers, being re-called.—I wish to correct a portion of my testimony yesterday, in regard to the time I first heard the report of the alterations. I heard it on the morning previous to the meeting of Councils, in the office of the Commissioner, either from Mr. Hines, or Mr. McCowan or some gentleman present. I then stepped into the back office, and saw the bids in the hands of Mr. Knorr, member of Councils from Twenty-fourth ward ; when Mr. Knorr left I took them up and examined them ; that was the first time I had them in my hands ; I have been a Commissioner since last October ; this was the first time proposals were opened in the board ; I dont think Mr. Birch offered the proposals, when they were

opened, to any of the Commissioners to look at; they were on the table and any one might have looked at them. We were in session, I think, at least an hour and a half; did not select the bids on that day; generally ascertain which is the lowest and best bidder, by making inquiry among ourselves; made the comparison of the bids by the tally kept by the members of the board, and not by examining the bids as contained in the original papers. This was the first time that any bids were opened; I only refer to what was done at this time.

Sworn and subscribed this ninth day of August, 1855.

Adjourned to Monday, 20th, at 4 o'clock.

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MONDAY, Aug. 20, 1855.

Committee met.—Present, Messrs. Spencer Roberts, Bid-
dle and Barton.

Mr. Pickins sworn.—I put in proposals for the Moore street culvert, directed to the Commissioners of Highways, I think on Thursday, 14th of June; we made the proposals out on Thursday evening; handed them in the following Saturday at noon; the paper annexed to the Report of the Committee is my proposal; the proposals are in the hand-writing of Michael McCloskey; my name is signed to the proposals by my authority; I saw these proposals written; they were sealed up in an envelope, and directed to Mr. Birch, Commissioner of Highways; carefully laid by in Michael McCloskey's desk; that desk was kept locked; nobody had access to it but Michael McCloskey and myself; I saw it on Saturday again for the last time, just before it was handed to Mr. Birch; it was not sealed up until Saturday morning; I did not see it in the interval between Thursday and Saturday; I saw the face of the proposals on Saturday before they were handed in; the figures then, after excavation, were $13\frac{1}{2}$ cts.; the paper had not been altered in the interval to my knowledge; I am quite sure the figures were $13\frac{1}{2}$ on that day, as I went over the proposals; the paper has been altered since; the one has been made into a six, so as to read $63\frac{1}{2}$; I learned of the alteration shortly after the meeting of the Board of Commissioners; I asked Mr. McCowan, one of the Commis-

sioners, what show I had of the culvert; he told me none, I was too high up; he told me I was 65 cts. for excavation; I told him it was not so; I made further inquiry, and ascertained from Mr. Enos my bid was 63½; I went to the office and asked to see the proposals, which were shown me; I told Mr. Birch the 1 in the 13 had been altered; I asked Mr. Birch if it did not look so; he said it did; I don't know whether Mr. Birch altered it back in my presence; Mr. Birch made no remark, as to whether the alteration should affect me or not; he did not tell me at that time I should have the benefit of the bid as originally made by me. We had very little conversation together; I have not seen the proposals since then until now; the 13½ now on it, I did not see on it when I saw it in Mr. Birch's presence; I do not know in whose hand writing those figures are; the 6 in the 63 had not been altered then; I calculated the excavation would have been a very heavy job; I had no distinct idea of the proportion it would have borne to the rest of the work. Michael McCloskey, who wrote my proposals, was not to have been a partner in the work; he had been, and is now, interested in work with me. James McCloskey was not, nor is now, interested with me. James McCloskey had a proposal written out while we were there; this one annexed to the report looks like it; I believe this to be the one; I am pretty nearly certain the one signed by James McCloskey is not in Michael McCloskey's hand-writing; I am familiar with both; I do not know how the alteration was made; I have stated all my knowledge in the affair fully; at the time the proposals were made, James McCloskey and I did not contemplate a partnership in that or any other work. I knew the price bid by James McCloskey for excavation, before it was put in; I did not know James McCloskey's bid for sewers when it was put in; I did not know anything of any of his bids only for excavation.

Sworn and subscribed this twentieth day of August, 1855.

Michael McCloskey sworn.—I wrote the proposals signed Robert Pickins, annexed to the report of the Committee on Highways; I wrote it on a Thursday, preceding the last day on which the proposals were to be put in; about the middle of June. After it was written I handed it to Mr. Pickins for approval, who approved it; the bid for excavation was

13½ cents. I had it in my possession from the time it was written, until it was handed to my brother; it was sealed on Saturday, in my presence and my brother's presence; I saw the face of the bid on the Saturday when it was handed to my brother; Mr. Pickins and I saw it just before it was sealed up and handed to my brother; it was then 13½ for excavation; I had seen a bid of James McCloskey's for excavation at 14 cents; I was not connected in any way with my father in business at that time; I knew one or two other items of James McCloskey's bids; Pickins' proposal was then written; I think I knew the inlet bid; I knew the timber bid; I think I did not know the man-hole shafts, tunneling, or any other. The proposals of my father, James McCloskey, and Mr. Pickins were not to any item communicated to each other before they were written, respectively; they were entirely independent bids; the bids in James McCloskey's bids are in my brother's hand-writing, not in mine. I first learned the alteration in Pickins' bid in Montgomery county, about ten days or two weeks after they were put in; Mr. Pickins then told me, and said I had made a great mistake; I said, you saw it after it was written; he said he knew that, but several had told him it was 65 cents for excavation; I answered, it was not, it was 13½ cents. I first saw the alteration in Mr. Birch's office, a few days after this conversation; I made the remark then, it had been done with a different colored ink, and rather clumsily. Mr. Birch was present; I do not know what he said; it had not then been altered back again, nor were the duplicate figures 13½ there at that time; I cannot say it was in the same envelope at the time Mr. Birch showed it to me; Mr. McCowan was present when he showed it to me; I have no knowledge who made the alteration, nor when it was done. When I was at the Commissioner's I saw my father's proposal; the alteration was obvious; Mr. Birch made a side remark, that it had been altered before it was handed in; I did not hear Mr. Birch say he would give Mr. Pickins the benefit of the alleged bid.

Sworn and subscribed this twentieth day of August, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 38.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils :

By a resolution of Councils, approved the 19th September, the Department of Highways was directed to contract for the cleansing of the 4th district, with Messrs. Smith, Seckel & Co. By the accompanying communication it will be seen that the firm has dissolved partnership, and the business is continued by Messrs. Francis S. Altemus & Co.

The undersigned submits the subject to Councils for their action, as no contract can be made with the parties named in the resolution.

Very respectfully,
THOS. BIRCH,
Chief Commissioner.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20, 1855.

Thos. Birch, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways :

DEAR SIR—The firm of Smith, Seckel & Co., was dissolved on the 25th of July last, by A. G. Seckel selling his right and interest in said firm to F. S. Altemus. You will see notice of publication in the North American and U. S. Gazette, also Evening Bulletin, on the 27th of same month, when the firm of Smith, Altemus & Co. was formed. On 6th August the firm of Smith, Altemus & Co. was dissolved, by an agreement of arbitration entered into by R. A. Smith, F. S. Altemus and Isaac Hyneman.

R. A. Smith being unable to pay the award of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) made by arbitrators, and buy out the firm, as per said agreement, sold all his right, title and interest in the said firm of Smith, Altemus & Co., to Francis S. Altemus and Isaac Hyneman, for the sum of five hundred dollars, (\$500) as per award of said arbitrators. This sum was to be paid Robt. A. Smith, by Altemus & Hyneman, the remaining partners, on the 17th inst., accompanied by a bond of indemnity to hold Smith harmless for any debts due by said firm. The bond was tendered, and we notified him we were

ready to pay him the five hundred dollars awarded him, as soon as he removed an attachment of Mr. Henry L. Elder against the \$500 in our hands, issued by District Court, September Term, No. 503, for \$3,000, being a judgment said Elder holds against R. A. Smith. This is not yet done—as he has not notified us to that effect.

We have thought proper to state these facts to you, and to claim the contract awarded by the honorable Select and Common Councils, for cleaning the streets in the 4th district, to the firm of Smith, Seckel & Co., as we are the only parties entitled to receive the same, as the successors of that firm.

You have the names of our securities in your hands, and we are now ready to go to work as soon as the contract is delivered to us.

Very respectfully yours,

FRANCIS S. ALTEMUS & Co.,

Per A. G. SECKEL, *Attorney*.

APPENDIX No. 39.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer report, with bill annexed, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned,” and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,
JAMES C. HAND,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,

WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN WELSH,
W. C. PATTERSON.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned.

SECTION I. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars and forty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for payment to Isaac R. Trimble, for the amount of the decree in his favor, with interest, and taxed costs in his suit in equity against the City of Philadel-

phia, in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, of October Session, 1854, No. 3.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX NO. 40.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer report, with bill annexed, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned," and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,
JAMES C. HAND,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
CHAS. B. PENROSE,

WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN WELSH,
W. C. PATTERSON.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the following claims and demands on the corporation, namely :

1. Eli K. Price, for services as a member of the late County Board, sixty-three dollars.

2. George M. Howell, for salary as Mayor of the late District of the Northern Liberties, to September 30, 1854, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

3. George W. Ridgway & Co., for oil furnished to the late district of Penn, to September 20, 1854, two hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety cents.

4. Joseph Plankinton, for auditing accounts of the late district of Spring Garden, five hundred dollars.

5. The corporation of Christ Church, the corporation of St. Peter's Church and the corporation of St. Stephen's Church, for ringing of bells on the 4th day of July, 1855, eighty dollars.

6. Esther L. Newbold, for over payment made by her to the late District of Moyamensing, in charge for water pipe, fifty dollars.

7. Dougherty & Powers, for over payment made by them in charge for water pipe in front of their property, in Dickinson street between Tenth street and the Passyunk road, fifty dollars.

8. The Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company, for over payment made by them in charge for water pipe at the north-east corner of Front and Harrison streets, fifty dollars.

9. Jesper Harding, for publishing ordinances in the Pennsylvania Inquirer newspaper, one hundred and sixty-six dollars and seventeen cents.

10. Morton McMichael, for advertisements in the North American and United States Gazette, twelve hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-nine cents.

11. Samuel Allen, Sheriff, for collecting election boxes in the 4th and 19th wards, in the year 1854, fifty dollars.

12. Hoffman & Mowritz, for advertising Sheriff's Proclamation in October, 1854, one hundred and fifty dollars.

13. Tunis Van Brunt, for amount of judgment, interest and costs in his suit against the late District of Richmond, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifteen cents.

14. To pay for professional services, rendered in certain suits commenced before the passage of the Consolidation Act, as follows: to J. Murray Rush, one hundred dollars; W. L. Hirst, one hundred and fifty dollars; J. W. Higgins, one hundred and fifty dollars; James Goodman, three hundred dollars; Wm. B. Reed, two hundred and fifty dollars; J. A. Phillips, two hundred and fifty dollars.

15. To pay defendant's witnesses, in the case of Van Brunt against the late District of Richmond, one hundred and fifty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

16. Alexander Purves, for lead furnished to the late district of Southwark, in June, 1854, fifty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents.

17. Morris, Tasker & Morris, for iron pipe and materials furnished to the late Districts of Southwark and Moyamensing, from August 23 to October 26, 1854, one thousand three hundred and eighty-two dollars and eighty-nine cents.

18. John H. Miller, for hauling pipes and materials for the late District of Spring Garden to March 17, 1854, five hundred and seventy-five dollars.

19. R. & S. H. Jones, for iron pipes and materials furnished the late District of Moyamensing, to March 29, 1854, five hundred and fifty-nine dollars and thirteen cents.

20. Samuel Smeeton, for work performed for and materials furnished to the late District of Kensington to June 26, 1854, five dollars and sixty cents.

21. The Germantown Water Company, for water furnished to fire plugs, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

22. Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, for the board of certain patients, six hundred and twenty-five dollars and forty-seven cents.

23. Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary, for the expense of prisoners for the year 1854, convicted in the courts of Philadelphia county, five thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-two cents.

24. Board of Managers of the House of Correction, to meet the expenses incurred by them, the sum of six hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-five cents.

SECT. 2. Warrants for payment of the said appropriation, for items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23 and 24, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer; for items 13, 14 and 15, by the City Solicitor, and for items 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 1 by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

APPENDIX No. 41.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred communications from Jos. R. Flanigan and Wallace & Fletcher, relative to their claims for advertising for the Receiver of Taxes in December last, have had the same under consideration, and report the bill annexed, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes for the purposes therein mentioned," and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, <i>ch'n</i> ,	O. P. CORNMAN,
JAMES C. HAND,	JNO. WELSH,
JAMES DAVENPORT,	CHAS. B. PENROSE.
WM. B. R. SELBY,	

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the purpose of paying for advertising the lists of unpaid tax-payers in December, 1854, as follows, viz :

To Joseph R. Flanigan, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To Wallace & Fletcher, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To Jesper Harding, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To Alexander Cummings, twenty-five hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 42.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report a bill providing for the payment of certain road damages, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n.</i>	W. H. STOKES,
O. P. CORNMAN,	ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	D. C. ENOS,
P. A. KEYSER,	THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

September 13, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain road damages in certificates of City debt.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying, in manner hereinafter mentioned, the following amounts assessed

as damages for piking, sustained by the following named persons by the opening of streets, that is to say :

To Richard Wistar, twenty-five hundred dollars.

To Enos Chapman, two hundred dollars.

To James F. Shannon, one hundred dollars.

To Edward White, six hundred dollars.

To Peter Marsellis, two thousand and eighty dollars.

To Jacob W. Horter, four hundred dollars.

To Matthew Walker, three hundred dollars.

To James Howard, three hundred and fifty dollars.

To Elizabeth Rubicam's estate, fifteen hundred dollars.

To Mary Ann Leeds, eighteen hundred and sixty-six dollars.

To Hartman Kuhn, eight hundred dollars.

To Robert Earp's estate, five hundred dollars.

To Thomas Earp, five hundred dollars.

The said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Spring Garden street, from Broad to Schuylkill Seventh, and from Schuylkill Fifth to Nixon street.

To Tylee Allen, two hundred and twenty dollars; to Philip Duffy, six hundred dollars; the said amounts being assessed for damages by the opening of Richmond street between William and Ann streets.

To George Brinton, trustee of Mary C. Phillips, seven hundred and fifty dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Columbia street from Parry to Hancock street.

To Jacob Fisher, one hundred dollars; to James McCort, one hundred dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Charlotte street, in the late District of Kensington.

To Samuel Grim, three hundred dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Marshall street, in the late District of Penn.

To Joseph Naglee, administrator *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of the estate of Henry Naglee, deceased, four hundred dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Tenth street from Camac street to Germantown road.

To Merchant Stern, one hundred dollars; to Samuel Wilson, seventy-five dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Hedge street between Oxford and Unity streets.

To Harrison & Brothers, five hundred dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Harrison street from Front to Howard streets.

To W. A. Simpson, eight hundred dollars; assessed for

damages by the opening of Baker street, in the late township of Manayunk.

To William Craig, five hundred dollars; assessed for damages by the opening of Moore street from the river Delaware to the western boundaries of the late District of Southwark.

To John Dyer, four thousand dollars; to Charles Thomas, one thousand dollars, being the sums which they have agreed to accept as compensation for injuries done to their respective properties in Broad street, by the widening of said street from the Germantown turnpike to the Germantown railroad.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways. The following sums shall be paid in money, viz: eighty dollars to said Peter Marsellis, fifty dollars to James Howard, sixty-six dollars to Mary Ann Leeds, twenty dollars to Tylee Allen, fifty dollars to George Brinton and seventy-five dollars to William Wilson, and the balance of the said appropriation in certificates of city debt; and the warrants to be drawn as aforesaid, shall express how much of the amount for which they are drawn are payable in money, and how much in said certificates: *Provided*, no warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report been confirmed absolutely, nor until the City Solicitor certify that there are no liens against the property, for injury to which the said damages have been awarded: *Provided, nevertheless*, that such certificate from the said court shall not be required in the case of the payment to John Dyer and Charles Thomas, of the amounts herein appropriated for them.

SECT. 3. Upon the delivery of any such warrants, countersigned by the Controller to the City Treasurer, as specifies that the payment of the amounts therein mentioned are to be made in certificates of city debt, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of city debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an ordinance approved August 23, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those authorized to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 43.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report the annexed resolution authorizing the paving of certain streets, which they recommend should be paved.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	O. P. CORNMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,	D. C. ENOS,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,	GEO. A. BINDER.

September 6th, 1855.

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Resolved, That the owners of property on Lewis street between Eighth and Ninth streets; Fisher street between Eighth and Ninth streets; Market street from Fortieth to to Forty-second street, and Cumberland street from Commerce street to the Aramingo Canal, be and they are hereby authorized to have said streets paved: *Provided*, that the same shall be done under the supervision of the Department of Highways: *And provided further*, that the City shall not be at any expense for the same, except for the intersections thereof.

APPENDIX No. 44.

AN ORDINANCE

Declaring Merchant, running northward from Thompson street to Master street, between Eighth and Franklin streets, in the Twentieth Ward, City of Philadelphia, a public highway.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That Merchant street in the Twentieth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, as decided by I. Williams Biddel, trustee, and John and Nicholas Grim, to the said city be accepted, and that the said street be declared a public highway; any other ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	P. A. KEYSER,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,	W. H. STOKES,
GEO. A. BINDER,	THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

APPENDIX No. 45.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report an ordinance to open Wallace street from Broad to Sixteenth street, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
P. A. KEYSER,	THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	W. H. STOKES,
O. P. CORNMAN,	JNO. A. HOUSEMAN.

September 20th, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To open Wallace street from Broad to Sixteenth street, for public use.

WHEREAS, By authority of a resolution of Councils, approved June 7, 1855, entitled "A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Wallace street in the Fifteenth Ward," notice was duly given on the fifteenth day of June, 1855, to the owners of the ground through and over which Wallace street, from Broad to Sixteenth street, in the Fifteenth Ward, is laid out on the plan of the late District of Spring Garden, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said street, within the said limits, to be opened for public use, and the said time of three months having elapsed, therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That Wallace street, (formerly called St. Andrew's street,) from Broad to Sixteenth street, as the same is laid out on the plan of the late District of Spring Garden, be and the same is hereby declared to be opened for public use as a street or highway.

SECT. 2. The Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said street to be removed.

APPENDIX No. 46.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways report the annexed resolution, directing the curbing and paving of sidewalks by the owners of property, in accordance with the petition referred by Councils, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	W. H. STOKES,
O. P. CORNMAN,	ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	D. C. ENOS,
P. A. KEYSER,	THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

September 13th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be and they are hereby directed to notify the owners of property on Ball street, from Beach to Queen street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and Rittenhouse street, from Main to Germantown Road, Twenty-second Ward, to curb and pave the footways of said streets.

APPENDIX No. 47.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Public Highways to whom has been referred numerous petitions asking for the construction of culverts in various sections of the City, deeming the subject one of the utmost importance to the health and comfort of the community, they submit a resolution with the view of providing means for the construction of such as may be approved by Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	O. P. CORNMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,	D. C. ENOS,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,	GEO. A. BINDER.

Resolved, That the subject of creating a loan of \$150,000 to be appropriated for the construction of culverts for public drainage, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report at the next stated meeting.

APPENDIX No. 48.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a petition asking that the grade of Bridgewater street, at Market, Oak and Chestnut streets, may be revised and established at the grades first returned to Court, report :

That they decidedly approve of the prayer of the petitioners, and annex a resolution, referring the subject to the Board of Surveys for their action.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
P. A. KEYSER,

W. H. STOKES,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
D. C. ENOS.

Resolved, That the petition of property holders on Bridgewater street, (24th Ward,) asking that the grade of said street may be revised, be referred to the Board of Surveys, and that they be instructed to report a plan fixing said grades in accordance with the plan first returned to Court by Joseph Fox, Surveyor.

WEST PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5th, 1855.

To the President and members of Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN—As the system of making easy grades appears to have been one of paramount importance in the regulating of our District, we, the undersigned, property owners on and near Bridgewater street, would respectfully call your atten-

tion to the recorded grade of Bridgewater, at Market, Oak and Chestnut streets, as one impolitic and very expensive; for the altitude at the respective points is 22 feet, 19·02 feet and 16·05 feet, above high-water mark, making it impossible to haul from the river front and wharves the heavy loads that are there landed for the accommodation of our citizens. Very expensive on account of the great amount of filling required on Bridgewater, Market, Oak and Chestnut streets, in addition to the repaving and curbing of Market street.

They would, therefore, earnestly request your honorable body to revise the same, and confirm the grade as returned first to the Court by Joseph Fox, the Regulator: namely, at Market and Bridgewater streets, at which height it is now paved and curbed 13 feet, Oak and Bridgewater streets 10·05 feet, and Chestnut and Bridgewater streets 12·08 feet, above high-water mark, at which height Bridgewater street is now or nearly filled. It is evident to any person observing the efforts of a horse to ascend the present grade, with but a moderate load, that when the street is filled to the recorded grade, the wharves will be rendered comparatively useless for landings.

There is one more powerful objection to the alteration of the present paved and curbed grade of Market at Bridgewater street to the recorded grade, and that is the present great and constantly increasing road travel on Bridgewater street, that now *passes safely under* the railroad, would be placed on a level with the track, thereby rendering it so dangerous, that accidents would be unavoidable.

JOSEPH S. KEEN,
JAMES McILVAIN,
PHILIP LOWRY,

WM. D. PARRISH,
E. & W. D. PARRISH,
J. SIDNEY KEEN.

APPENDIX No. 49.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas Works beg leave to submit the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expense of lighting the City," and ask its adoption.

Respectfully,	
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,	A. G. WATERMAN,
PIERCE BUTLER,	P. A. KEYSER,
GEO. M. BIDDLE,	T. J. PERKINS,
RICHARD M. BERRY,	W. H. STOKES,
I. N. MARSELIS,	M. H. TREADWELL.

Committee Room, Sept. 27th, 1855.

—
AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay for the expense of lighting the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of forty-five thousand four hundred and forty-one dollars and forty-seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following expenses, incurred in lighting the City, that is to say :

To the Trustees of the Gas Work, for gas consumed in the public lamps and offices, to September 1, 1855, thirty thousand three hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-one cents.

To the Northern Liberties Gas Company, for gas consumed in the public lamps, to September 1, 1855, five thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars and ninety-eight cents.

To the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, for gas consumed in the public lamps, to September 1, 1855, one thousand five hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents.

To the Germantown Gas Company, for gas consumed in the public lamps, to August 1, 1855, eight hundred and fifty-two dollars.

To the Manayunk Gas Company, for gas consumed in the public lamps, in the months of July and August, two hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty-two cents.

For fluid for public lamps, in August and September, three thousand and fifty-three dollars and sixty-seven cents.

For cost of new lamps, for repairs and painting lamp posts, one thousand five hundred and seventy-six dollars and ninety-six cents.

To Josiah Kisterbock, for lamp posts, two thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

APPENDIX No. 50.

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report the following ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department.”

WM. M. PARHAM, <i>ch'n</i> ,	JOHN M'WHORTER,
O. H. P. PARKER,	JOHN K. KNORR,
W. S. WINSHIP,	A. D. CALDWELL,
JAMES M. GIBSON,	NATHAN HILLES.

Committee Room, Sept. 27, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain Fire Companies.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand and seventy-five dollars shall be appropriated to the following Fire Companies, to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Fire Department, approved September 20th, 1855.

To the Humane Engine and Humane Hose Companies, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars each.

To the Vigilant Engine Company, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, being amounts respectively due them up to April 1st, 1855.

To the Warren Hose Company, the sum of four hundred dollars.

To the United Hose Company, two hundred dollars.

To the Spring Garden and Independence Engine Companies, each the sum of two hundred dollars, being appropriations up to July 31st, 1855.

To the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, one hundred dollars, as an extra appropriation to replace new ladders lost at the fire Eighth and Cherry streets.

MESSAGE FROM SELECT COUNCIL.

Select Council inform Common Council, that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain Fire Companies," with the following amendments, in which they ask concurrence.

Strike out in third line, "two thousand and seventy-five dollars," and insert "one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars;" also to strike out the words "and Independence Engine Companies each."

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council, that they have received a report from the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, with an ordinance annexed, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain Fire Companies," which they have passed, and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, 27th day of Sept., 1855.

APPENDIX No. 51.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

The Committee on Markets respectfully report, that the appropriations to the department for repairs of markets, and the current incidental expenses for the office and the committee have been expended. The markets in the southern portion of the City are very much out of repair, and require attention before the winter season sets in.

The committee, in view of these facts, ask the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

GEO. F. GORDON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	W. W. WAGNER,
W. H. STOKES,	JNO. K. KNORR,
JOHN McWHORTER,	A. D. CALDWELL,
C. S. DUNK,	THOS. DAVIS,
W. M. PARHAM,	NICHOLAS BROUSE.

AN ORDINANCE

To make appropriations to the Department of Markets.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, namely :

For repairs to market houses the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

For printing, books, stationery, office and committee expenses, five hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 52.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, beg leave to offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

S. S. BISHOP, <i>chairman</i> ,	ALBERT B. ASHTON,
JOSEPH L. CHESTER,	JNO. WELSH,
ALEX. MARTIN,	P. A. KEYSER,
WM. S. BAIRD,	F. H. DUFFEE,
SAM'L C. WILLETS,	T. J. PERKINS,
NATHAN HILLES,	JOHN FULLER, jr.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to draw warrants in favor of James Nelson, for forty-seven dollars and six cents, for repairing Washington street wharf, and estate of Cadwallader Evans, for one

hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents, for six months' ground rent on lot on Wood street, (Schuylkill,) due first of September last; said amounts to be paid out of the appropriation for cleansing docks, made to the department, approved the 12th day of February, A. D. 1855.

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council, that they have passed the annexed resolution from Committee on Port Wardens, &c., and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, September 27th, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 53.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, {
Philadelphia, Sept., 1855. }

To WM. P. HACKER, Esq., *President of Common Council,*
Philadelphia:

DEAR SIR—In compliance with a resolution of Common Council, directing careful and thorough inquiry to be made into the causes, and the most practicable means to remedy the frequent freshets along the line of the Parrish street culvert, we beg leave to report: That this department has given to the subject matter embraced in that resolution, the most careful attention, but have been prevented replying to it earlier, by the want of recorded data, and respectfully suggest that Councils authorize a thorough and detailed survey to be made of each sewer now in use, so that in future this Department may have as full and accurate information on record, in regard to the sewerage and drainage of the districts, as it now has in respect to the limits of the old City proper.

In these examinations, the area of drainage, proportions, gradients and condition of the culvert have all been duly considered, and a ratio of rain-fall, equal to the heaviest recorded by the Pluviameter at the Pennsylvania Hospital, taken as the basis of calculation.

In the progress of our inquiries, attention was directed to

adjacent culverts, with a hope that a practicable remedy might be found, at a comparatively small expense, by making use of their excess of proportions, but was fruitless; that on the north (Thompson street) having already its full duty to perform, whilst that on the south (Willow street) is already burdened with the drainage from 500 acres before reaching the point at which it would be available for our present purpose; and the culvert on Coates street, though of large dimensions for the area drained, is not sufficiently large to use, other than as an auxiliary. A new culvert is therefore imperative.

As regards the culvert under consideration, we find that west of Seventh street it has sufficient capacity, but is very deficient, not only in openings by which the surface water can enter the main sewer, but in proper ventilation, the want of which detracts greatly from its efficiency. An increased number of inlets should be introduced at once, of the largest size, and great care exercised that their traps should not become filled with solid matter, thereby reducing their usefulness. Ventilators should be inserted, by which the culvert may be enabled to discharge the quantity proportionate to its area and gradient.

For the purpose of obtaining greater inlet area, it is necessary that the branch culverts now constructed, be enlarged at several points; at Tenth street, for instance, we find a basin formed by a summit on Parrish street; and again at Ninth street, the latter caused by the track of the Germantown Railroad being higher than the established grade of the street; and in each case the accumulation of water is so rapid—not from its own legitimate area of drainage, but by the streams that pass the upper inlets—that the openings there placed are soon taxed beyond their limits, the basins are filled, footways are covered and cellars inundated, causing, at times, irreparable injury. We must include in this list the corner of Eleventh and Coates streets, where similar results occur from the same cause, rendering necessary that the Eleventh street branch should be extended westward on Coates street.

From Seventh street, eastward, the dimensions of the culvert are smaller than the flow of water due to the area drained and rain-fall requires, which, in connection with the obstruction to a free delivery, offered by the bends at Fifth and at Poplar streets, (amounting to 180 degrees,) and its imperfect embouchure, renders it entirely inefficient.

Whenever a heavy and sudden rain-fall occurs, the Cohocksink creek, into which the Parrish street culvert is intended to discharge, fills with great rapidity, covers entirely the mouth of the culvert in question, and backs the water even into the line of Parrish street; it also flows with such velocity, that the current from Parrish street, being at right angles, is intercepted, and its volume diminished even before the injurious effects of the back water has operated; when to this back water is added the heavy drainage from above, and the mouth of the culvert is closed for all practical purposes by the rapid current of the swollen creek, the culvert must become full, and useless as a channel of delivery, compelling the stream upon the surface to seek an outlet to the creek above ground. Happily for the residents of that vicinity, the narrow opening of Culvert street can furnish them *some* relief, but not until the basin—of which Fifth and Parrish and Fifth and Poplar are the lowest points—is completely filled, deluging the cellars, parlors and storehouses, destroying in value thousands of dollars, and affecting so injuriously the foundations of adjacent buildings, as to render them untenable.

The only method by which this can be corrected, is to cut off the excess from above, for any increase of size in culvert east of Fifth street could be of no possible use, the water in the creek rising as it does, simultaneously with a heavy discharge from Parrish street.

We recommend, therefore, that a new culvert be constructed, connecting with the Parrish street culvert at Seventh street, where it will diverge to the line of Seventh street as far as Brown street; thence on the centre line of Brown street to the Cohocksink canal at the High bridge; this we propose to be eight feet diameter, its entire length; its peculiar location, with regard to the duty it is expected to perform, requiring no increase in size, with a grade of 0.25 feet per 100 to a point east of second street, from which the grade will exceed 1.5 feet per 100 feet, to low water mark; at Fifth street the level of the culvert will admit of a connection with the Coates street sewer, so arranged that when the Brown street culvert is fully charged, a volume of 3 feet diameter may pass into Coates street, making use of the excess of proportion not required by its area of drainage.

In order that the present culvert, with its reduced area of drainage, may be effective, it is necessary to raise the level of

its mouth, at the Cohocksink, above the natural surface of an ordinary flow, whereby its present capacity may have full vent, and that a curved wing-wall be erected to destroy the effect of the current in the creek acting upon that opening from the culvert. To relieve the localities of Fifth and Parrish and Fifth and Poplar streets, will require a readjustment of grades, to allow the water to pass off in a continuous and steady flow, preventing accumulation.

We therefore recommend to Councils, that the summit on Culvert street be altered, the mouth of the Culvert street sewer raised, and that the culvert on Brown street be commenced at the earliest date, in accordance with the foregoing report.

Respectfully submitted,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

APPENDIX No. 54.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, }
No. 36 North Seventh street. }

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, October 1st, 1855.

Whereas, the non-payments of warrants, drawn on the City Treasury for paying out in bonded and support cases, not only cripples the operations of the Support Committee, but is the cause of great suffering and distress to many poor and unfortunate creatures thrown upon the world, who, having lost all sympathy and support, find great difficulty in procuring respectable situations, even when enabled to pay for the same—and now your committee, not being able to procure the necessary funds, find these falling creatures, though in many respects worthy persons, without friends and without means of support, unable to live respectably, and subject to temptations, they might and oftentimes would resist, had they the funds paid for them into our treasury, and due them: therefore,

Resolved, That this Board make application to Councils for permission to withhold all moneys received in payment of

bonded and support cases, in order that they may be enabled to meet their monthly payments to parties entitled to receive the same.

S. SNYDER LEIDY, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX No. 55.

AN ORDINANCE

For the better protection of the Bridges owned by the City of Philadelphia across the river Schuylkill.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful to erect or cause to be erected, any frame building within three hundred feet of any bridge belonging to the City of Philadelphia, on the river Schuylkill.

SECT. 2. Any person or persons violating this ordinance, shall be subject to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, recoverable in like manner as penalties heretofore enforced by ordinance are recoverable; and shall also be required to remove the said frame building, within six days after being notified by the Chief Commissioner of Highways so to do; and if the same be not removed within the time required, the person or persons so violating this ordinance shall be subject to an additional penalty, and recoverable in like manner as above, for every day the said building shall continue to remain after the said notice.

APPENDIX No. 56.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, beg leave to report the accompanying ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned," and ask its adoption.

WM. M. PARHAM, *ch'n*,

O. H. P. PARKER,

W. S. WINSHIP,

JAMES M. GIBSON,

J. W. MILLER,

JOHN MCWHORTER,

NATHAN HILLES,

JNO. K. KNORR.

Committee Room, October 4th, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the income of the Scott Legacy Fund, to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose of loaning the same to Jacob G. Carter, oak cooper, of Ninth street above Brown; the said loan to be made and provision for its repayment secured, in the manner and upon the terms set forth in the will of the late John Scott of Edinburgh; and Jacob G. Carter, senior, oak cooper, No. 45 Commerce street, and Thomas K. Collins, printer, Lodge alley, are hereby approved as sureties for the repayment of the said loan.

SECT. 2. That the sum of twenty dollars out of the income of the Fund bequeathed by John Scott of Edinburgh, and now vested in the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, "to distribute premiums among ingenious men and women, who make useful inventions," be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, to pay the same to P. N. Receiur, the Franklin Institute having reported him to be the author of a useful invention, within the terms prescribed by the creator of the said trust.

 APPENDIX No. 57.

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report: That they have had under consideration, the communication referred to them from the Northern Liberty Fire Company, and have approved of the same, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the services of the Northern Liberty Fire Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

WM. M. PARHAM, *ch'n*,

W. S. WINSHIP,

O. H. P. PARKER,

JAMES M. GIBSON,

GEORGE F. GORDON,

J. W. MILLER,

JNO. K. KNORR.

Committee Room, Oct. 4, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 58.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report : That Thos. Marks, one of the parties to whom the contract for cleansing the Fifth district, has withdrawn his name, and that of John Metz is offered in his place ; they therefore recommend that the contract be given to David Harlan and John Metz, in place of David Harlan and Thomas Marks, and annex a resolution to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,

W. H. STOKES,

D. C. ENOS,

JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,

O. P. CORNMAN,

GEO. A. BINDER,

P. A. KEYSER,

ALGN. S. ROBERTS.

October 4, 1855.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to contract for the cleansing of the Fifth district, with David Harlan and John Metz, instead of David Harlan and Thomas Marks, agreeable to the conditions contained in a resolution approved September 19th, 1855, (page 511, C. C. Journal.)

APPENDIX No. 59.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report : That the condition of the City Railroad, east of Eighth street, is such, that in many places it is almost unfit for use, and will be entirely so by winter, unless extensive repairs are at once commenced, and as from its bad condition it has been abandoned by most of those heretofore using it ; your committee therefore deem it advisable to recommend that it be taken up, and the street repaired ; a resolution is annexed which they ask Councils to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,

WM. H. STOKES,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

B. R. MILLER,

JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,

O. P. CORNMAN,

D. C. ENOS.

September 27, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be and they are hereby directed to cause that portion of the City Railroad lying east of Eighth street, to be forthwith taken up, and the street to be put in good order.

APPENDIX NO. 60.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report the annexed resolution, providing for the opening of certain streets in the First Ward, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,

THOMAS J. ROBERTS,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

B. R. MILLER,

JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,

O. P. CORNMAN,

D. C. ENOS,

W. H. STOKES.

September 27, 1855.

A RESOLUTION

To authorize notice to be given of the intended opening of certain streets.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby directed to give notice forthwith to the owners of the ground through and over which the following named streets are laid out, on the plan hereafter mentioned, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils will order the said streets, within the limits hereinafter named, to be opened for public use, as they are authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21, 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the act consolidating the City of Philadelphia," namely: Fitzwater street from Long lane to Gray's Ferry road; Catharine street from Broad street to Gray's Ferry road; Christian street from Irish Track lane to Gray's Ferry road, and Fifteenth street from Carpenter to Prime street, as laid down on the plan of the northern section of Passyunk, made in pursuance of Acts of Assembly, passed June 21, 1839, and May 9, 1840, approved by the Commissioners Oct. 21, 1840, and confirmed Dec. 12, 1840.

APPENDIX No. 61.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report the annexed ordinance, declaring Girard avenue, from Landing street to the river Schuylkill, opened.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,

W. H. STOKES,

JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,

THOMAS J. ROBERTS,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

B. R. MILLER,

O. P. CORNMAN,

D. C. ENOS.

September 27, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To open Girard avenue from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill, for public use.

Whereas, by authority of a resolution of Councils, approved June 21, 1855, entitled "A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of Girard avenue from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill," notice was duly given on the 22d day of June, 1855, to the owners of the ground through and over which Girard avenue from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill is laid out, on the plan of the late District of Penn, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said avenue or street within the said limits, to be opened for public use; and the said time of three months having elapsed, therefore,

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain: That Girard avenue from Landing avenue to the river Schuylkill, as the same is laid out on the plan of the late District of Penn, be and the same is hereby declared to be opened for public use as a street or highway.

SECT. 2. The Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said street to be removed, and to grade the same according to the established regulation.

APPENDIX No. 62.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report : That the opening of Delaware avenue is now nearly completed to the Cohocksink creek, at which point it meets Penn street, which extends on a line with it for several squares north. Your committee deem it important that those streets should be connected, and offer the annexed resolution, and ask that it be passed.

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,

O. P. CORNMAN,

P. A. KEYSER,

ALGN. S. ROBERTS,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

D. C. ENOS,

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be and they are hereby directed to continue the opening and grading of Delaware avenue, so as to connect the same with Penn street, in the Sixteenth Ward.

APPENDIX NO 63.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways having had referred back to them an ordinance providing for the payment of certain road damages, with instructions to make a special report thereon, report : That all the items contained in said bill have been awarded by a regularly appointed jury, and confirmed by the court, except two, one of which is the amount recommended to be awarded to John Dyer, and the other the amount recommended to be awarded to Charles Thomas, for damages sustained by them for opening Broad street, from the Germantown road to the Germantown turnpike, a distance of about one mile and a quarter.

It appears from the minutes of the late Committee on Highways, that on the second day of March, 1855, Dr. Isaac Marselis, Peter A. Keyser and O. P. Cornman were appointed a sub-committee to examine the properties through which the above named street was laid out, and report upon what terms

the owners thereof would dedicate the same to the City. The estate of John Dyer and Charles Thomas, being the only two upon which improvements had been made, both of which were required to be entirely removed, and a great portion of the ground being rendered unfit for building purposes, the committee recommended the payment of the amount respectively to them, which is contained in the bill.

We herewith submit a communication from the property holders on Broad street, in relation to the subject.

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	D. C. ENOS,
O. P. CORNMAN,	JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
W. H. STOKES,	GEO. A. BINDER.
WM. B. R. SELBY,	

We, the undersigned, owners of property on and near Broad street, in the vicinity of Mr. John Dyer's, and being well acquainted with the location, are satisfied that the amount of four thousand dollars, which has been awarded for the damages which he will sustain by the widening of Broad street, is not more than a fair and just equivalent.

Respectfully yours,

WM. KEYSER,	WILLIAM HOLRAGE,
GEO. W. LYNCH,	THOS. F. STEVENS,
RICHARD SMETHING,	W. W. WAGNER,
CHAS. MAGARGE,	JOHN C. GARDY,
SILVESTER KEYSER,	M. A. B. SMITH,
MATTHIAS KNORR,	C. H. FISHER.
WM. N. STEVENS,	

I am of the opinion that Mr. John Dyer would be damaged in property and business by the widening of Broad street to one hundred and thirteen feet, to the amount of four thousand dollars; his entire dwelling would be destroyed, and his business with it.

N. NATHANS.

October 3, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 64.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, }
Philadelphia, October 4, 1855. }

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to submit the following communication from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and report the following resolutions, which they offer for your adoption :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and directed to take such measures as may be necessary for the widening of Charles street, in the First Ward, to thirty feet ; for restoring Lehman street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to its original width of eighty feet ; and widening Thirty-fifth street, also in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to sixty feet.

Resolved, That the resolutions referred to this committee by Common Council, on the 21st ult., relating to establishing grades in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, be referred back, with our recommendation that they be adopted.

SPENCER ROBERTS,

ALGN. S. ROBERTS,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

CHAS. S. PEALL,

C. S. DUNK,

WM. CONRAD,

SAMUEL C. WILLITS,

—
 DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, }
Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1855. }

SPENCER ROBERTS, Esq., *Chairman of Committee on Surveys and Regulations :*

DEAR SIR :—The several petitions referred to this department by your committee have received attention, and herewith return them with the following remarks and recommendations :

Charles street, First Ward.—A small street lying between Dickinson and Franklin streets, one half of which is now thirty feet wide, the other twenty feet. The prayer is to widen the entire street to thirty feet ; the eastern side is now built up, the greater portion of the block on the thirty feet line, while the western side is vacant. There is no objection to its being widened, and the board so recommend.

Lehman street, Twenty-fourth Ward.—This street was

originally laid out sixty feet wide, and confirmed, cutting off fifteen feet from a stone mill owned by Mr. Twaddle. It was afterwards adopted by the West Chester Railroad Company for the location of their road, and on that account was widened by the court to eighty feet, taking the twenty feet increased width from the eastern side, the western line still cutting the mill.

An application was then made to the Legislature to reduce the width to sixty feet, by taking the twenty feet reduction from the western side, thereby relieving the mill property—but the intention of the petitioners was misunderstood, and the act was passed reducing Lehman street to sixty feet as originally laid down, by which the mill property was left in its original relation to the west line, encroaching thereon fifteen feet. The act also read that this reduction should receive the concurrence of the Commissioners of the District or City Councils, neither of which have acted in the matter, nor can they now, the act of consolidation placing such cases in the hands of the Board of Surveyors and the Court of Quarter Sessions. The street, therefore, remains eighty feet wide by law, and the board recommend that no reduction from that width be made.

Thirty-fifth street, Twenty-fourth Ward.—The board have examined this case with great care, and can see no cogent reason why that street should not conform to the general plan of that portion of the City, where sixty feet streets are adopted. The only obvious objection is one that has been and will ever occur in such cases, and should not govern the decision in a matter of so great importance as width of avenue; it is, that the line for widening, will cut off the fronts of the adjoining property, and place buildings now erected, as well as forest trees and shrubbery of value, upon the limits of the highway; but the legal widening of the street does not necessarily require the immediate removal of said improvements, and in all probability, when the progress of building improvement shall require their removal, those now most interested will care little for the alteration. We would further state to your committee, that as these matters have been referred to this department only as advisory, we request particularly, that a resolution may be offered in Council, referring them direct to this department, by which means the business will take its

legal course, and the Board of Surveyors be enabled to take official action in the premises.

Very respectfully,
STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

MESSAGE FROM SELECT COUNCIL.

Select Council inform Common Council, that they have passed the annexed resolutions and ask concurrence.

Select Council Chamber, Sept. 21, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be and they are hereby directed to establish a grade on Market street, from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street; Green street from Rittenhouse to School street; Wistar street from Germantown avenue to Bristol street; Manheim street from Germantown avenue to Wissahickon street, and East Washington avenue from Germantown avenue to Bristol street; also Queen street from Germantown avenue to Township line, in Twenty-second Ward.

Resolved, That the Board of Surveyors be directed to give the lines of Crease lane from Ridge pike to Livezey's mill road, and the lines of Queen lane from Ridge pike to Scott's road; also, Centre street from Main street to Manayunk avenue, Twenty-first Ward.

APPENDIX No. 65.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

The Committee on Markets report: That they have had before them numerous petitions from citizens, asking that the hawkers of fruits, vegetables, &c., through the streets of the City in wagons, be prohibited.

The committee, after mature consideration, have concluded to recommend the adoption of an ordinance regulating the whole matter. Such an ordinance has been prepared, and is herewith submitted for adoption.

GEORGE F. GORDON, *ch'n*,
THOS. DAVIS,
C. S. DUNK,
D. MURPHY,
NICHOLAS BROUS,
WM. M. PARHAM,

JOHN McWHORTER,
W. H. STOKES,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
JNO. K. KNORR,
A. D. CALDWELL.

AN ORDINANCE

To regulate the hawking of fruits, vegetables, &c., through the streets in wagons.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain: That on and after the passage of this ordinance, the Commissioner of Markets shall give, notice through not more than three newspapers, to all such persons as may be engaged as owner or owners of wagons hawking fruits, vegetables, oysters, &c., that on and after the first day of November, they shall be required to take out a license from the Commissioner of Markets.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Markets, to register in a book for that purpose, the name and residence of each person applying for a license to sell vegetables, &c., in wagons, through the streets. He shall at the same time give the applicant a numbered certificate of license for one year, for which the said applicant shall pay—for a one-horse wagon, five dollars; for a two-horse wagon, ten dollars.

SECT. 3. The owner of such wagons as the ordinance provides for, shall be required to display in some prominent part of his wagon, the number corresponding with that on his certificate.

SECT. 4. All persons found selling in wagons through the streets, in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be proceeded against by the Clerks of the Markets, in the way and manner provided for the recovery of fines and penalties against market ordinances. For every violation of this ordinance the penalty shall be five dollars.

APPENDIX No. 66.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on the fourteenth day of October, 1855, being a stated day for the meeting of Councils, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purpose of maintaining the Public Schools of the City of Philadelphia," and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils, next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publi-

cation, shall present to this Council one of each of said newspapers, for every day in which the same shall have been made.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a loan for the purpose of maintaining the Public Schools of the City of Philadelphia.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain: That the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, at not less than par, on the credit of the City Corporation, from time to time, as he may be required by the City Treasurer, such sums of money as may be necessary to pay claims against the Controllers of Public Schools, not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, for which interest, at a rate not to exceed six per centum per annum, shall be paid half yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The principal of said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof; and certificates therefor, in form prescribed by existing ordinances, shall be issued in one hundred dollar certificates; the said certificates shall be transferable at the office of the City Treasurer: *Provided*, that no part of the aforesaid sum shall be borrowed while any money is in the City Treasury.

SECT. 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue hereof, there shall be by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates, and from the sums raised by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certificates; and the further sum of one-fourth of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued, shall be appropriated quarterly out of said income and taxes to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specially pledged for the redemption and payment of said certificates.

APPENDIX No. 67.

*Deed.—Thomas W. Webb to “The City of Philadelphia,”
dedicating Webb street.*

THIS INDENTURE, made the sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, (1855,) between Thomas W. Webb, of the Fourth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, druggist, of the one part, and “the City of Philadelphia” of the other part: Whereas, the said Thomas W. Webb has thrown out and left open through his ground, and dedicated to public use for ever, a thirty feet wide street, called “Webb street,” extending from Fitzwater street to Catharine street, at the distance of one hundred and forty-five feet eastward from and parallel with Seventeenth (late Schuylkill Sixth) street, in that portion of the First Ward of the said City of Philadelphia, lately called the District of Moyamensing.

Now, this Indenture witnesseth, that the said Thomas W. Webb, as well for and in consideration of the premises, as of the sum of one dollar lawful money to him in hand well and truly paid by the said “the City of Philadelphia,” at the time of the execution hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto the said “the City of Philadelphia,” their successors and assigns, all that the aforesaid thirty feet wide street, called Webb street, so as aforesaid thrown out, left open and dedicated to public use, to have and to hold the same unto the said “the City of Philadelphia,” and their successors, for ever, as and for a public street, highway and water course, to be under the like and same regulations as the other public streets laid out for public use in the said City of Philadelphia.

In witness whereof, the said Thomas W. Webb hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first hereinbefore written.

THOS. W. WEBB. [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

JAMES P. GREGORY,
GEORGE MOORE.

On the sixth day of October, Anno Domini, 1855, before me, the subscriber, one of the Aldermen in and for the City

of Philadelphia, personally appeared the above named Thomas W. Webb, and acknowledged the above and foregoing written Indenture to be his act and deed, and desired the same as such might be recorded according to law. Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

GEORGE MOORE, *Alderman*.

APPENDIX No. 68.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

The Committee on Law report: That there was referred to them by the Common Council, an ordinance reported by the Finance Committee, to discharge the amount of a decree obtained against the City at the suit of Isaac R. Trimble, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

They have inquired into the facts, and find them to be as follows :

The suit of Mr. Trimble was a bill in equity for the injunction against the use of Howe's Patent Truss frames of Bridges, of which he claimed to be the proprietor by purchase, and also for an account of the profits derived from its use, theretofore, by the City of Philadelphia.

The patent appears to have been granted to William Howe, for the term of 14 years, from the 28th of August, 1846, and of course to have been in full force in October, 1854, when the bill in equity was filed. There does not seem to have been any fair doubt as to the validity of the patent or the title of the plaintiff, Trimble, as assignee, and there could be none as to the liability of the City for the use of the patent, inasmuch as all the bridges which were complained of, were either actually constructed, or were in the course of construction, with the Truss frame in question; and in the case of the Girard avenue bridge, the written contract with Andrew Hague stipulates for the use of Howe's plan of Truss, and in his proposals for erecting the said Bridge for the sum of \$73,500, and which were accepted by the County Commissioners, he engaged himself to pay the price of the patent right out of that sum.

This contract for the Girard avenue bridge was assigned by Hague, with the consent of the County Commissioners, to James H. Smith, in June, 1854, and Smith was made a party to Trimble's suit in the month of October following. It is understood by the committee that Smith performed the work and received the pay for it.

There was a hearing before Judge Grier in the Circuit Court, on a motion for a preliminary injunction, which was resisted by the City Solicitor and refused by the Judge, with an intimation, however, that if the City persisted, after such a notice, in the use of the Truss, without compensation to the patentee, the Court would probably exercise its power of trebling the damages, under a provision in the Patent Laws.

Under these circumstances, the Solicitor thought it the most prudent course to submit to a decree by default for want of an answer, and settle the damages before a master, to whom their assessment would in due course be referred by the Court; and the committee are of opinion that this plan of proceeding was a prudent one. It should be borne in mind, that an answer to the bill was required to be put in under oath; and further, that it was necessary for an answer, in order to be effectual, to deny either the validity or existence of the patent, or the title thereto, of Trimble, or the use of the patent by the City or under its authority. It seems that neither of these defences could, with propriety or truth, have been maintained.

The assessment of the damages was made by an officer of the Court, and appear to have been justified by the evidence. It embraced a claim for the use of the Wire bridge at Callowhill street on the Schuylkill, the Girard avenue bridge over the same river, and for seven iron bridges, each under 100 feet in length, over certain creeks or hollows.

After the confirmation of the Master's report on the damages, viz: on the 2d November, 1854, the City Solicitor communicated to the Committee on Highways, in writing, notice of the claim of the patentee for the use of the patent in the construction of the Girard avenue and Wire bridges; and stating that the contractor for the former bridge being liable for the patent right, he called the attention of the committee to the claim, in order that any future settlements with him might be made accordingly.

The committee have no positive knowledge upon the point,

but have been informed that, notwithstanding such notice, a settlement was had with the contractor of the Girard avenue bridge in full, under the contract. They have also been informed that there is an unsettled account with that person, touching charges for alleged extra work. The committee make no precise statement of these matters, from want of information upon them, but feel it their duty to direct the attention of Councils to the subject, so that if there is any sum of money due to any person or persons for the construction of any of the bridges in question, which person or persons were bound to pay the price of the patent right for the Truss used in the said bridges, the appropriate committee or department may take immediate order, so as to secure the deduction from the amount payable by the City, of the portion properly chargeable to the parties, of the sum recovered against the City, in the suit referred to.

The committee conclude, by reporting back the ordinance referred to them, with a recommendation that it do pass. They attach to their report a communication from the City Solicitor, at the request of that officer.

J. L. HUTCHINSON, *ch'n*,
G. M. WHARTON,
W. O. KLINE,
JAS. A. FREEMAN,

T. W. HIGGINS,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
B. R. MILLER.

October, 11, 1855.

—
CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Sept. 29th, 1855. }

To the Committee on Law :

GENTLEMEN:—I find, from the published debates in the Common Council of the twenty-seventh instant, that the ordinance reported by the Finance Committee, to discharge the amount of the decree entered against the City, at the suit of Isaac R. Trimble, has been referred to you.

From the same source, I also learn, that in making this reference, it has been thought proper to charge this department with neglect of duty, in not preventing the decree in question.

As everything in this department is accessible to members of Council, and the condition of every case can readily be ascertained, for it is always cheerfully given, it would have

been agreeable to myself, apart from considerations of justice, if members of Council had made proper inquiries before indulging in strictures which were only important because calculated to mislead the popular mind.

As the ordinance has been referred to you, I, with great pleasure, make the following report :

The suit of Isaac R. Trimble against the City of Philadelphia, was commenced in the Circuit Court of the United States for this District on the 6th of October, 1854, by the filing of a bill in equity, in which an injunction was asked to restrain the City of Philadelphia from using "Howe's Improvement in Truss Bridges" in the construction of the Girard avenue bridge.

The case was heard before Judge Grier about the close of October of that year, when the injunction was refused, on the ground that the Court would not interfere in that summary mode to stop the erection and completion of a great public work. The Court added, however, that if the City persisted in the use of the patent, on the right of the complainant being established at law, *treble* damages would, under the provisions of the act of Congress, be awarded.

The patent in this case was extended for fourteen years from the 28th day of August, 1846. It was a valid title. The right of the patentee to the exclusive use of the thing patented, had never been successfully questioned. All the railways leading into the City had used and paid for the right to use the truss as described in the patent.

In the specification annexed to the proposals for the construction of the Girard avenue bridge, this patent was recognized and its validity admitted, for the Commissioners required that the *superstructure should be Howe's plan of Truss*. In the contract accepted by the County Commissioners, under date of March 31, 1853, the contractor stipulates to pay the price for the patent right.

Satisfied, from these and other sources, that it would be the true interest of the City to avoid litigation, I addressed the late Committee on Highways, under date of November 2d, 1854, informing them of the claim, and calling their attention to the fact that the contractor was liable for the amount.

As no denial of the complainant's title, or of the use by the City of the patent could be made, I declined to put in an answer, reserving the question of damages to be determined by the evidence submitted before the Master in Chancery.

In this course I acted for the City precisely as I would have done for an individual client. I determined not to lend my official sanction to a defence which could not be sustained, and which, after what had been hinted by the Judge on the preliminary hearing of the case, would most certainly have been injurious to the interests of the City.

The Master's report, which accompanies this communication, will explain the course taken by myself before that officer.

The amount reputed as due complainant, is lower than that paid by any road enjoying the right to the same extent.

When execution was applied for in this case, I appeared in Court, and interposed upon the grounds then stated. The Court decided, however, that as the decree was solely for the payment of money, they had no discretion in the matter, and that final process must issue.—

I am truly,

IS. HAZLEHURST.

[COPY.]

City of Philadelphia,

To I. R. TRIMBLE, Dr.

To patent fees on Howe's Patent Truss, as follows:

On Wire Bridge, Callowhill street, 350 feet, 2 Trusses, at \$1 per ft.	\$350 00	
14 months' interest,	24 50	
	—————	\$374 50
Girard Avenue Bridge, 790 feet, 2 Trusses, at \$2 51 per ft.	\$1,982 90	
24 months' interest,	237 95	
	—————	\$2,220 85

IRON BRIDGES, AS FOLLOWS:

York street, 100 feet, 3 Trusses, at \$3 per ft.	- - -	\$300 00
Somerset street, 83 feet, 3 Trusses, at \$3 per ft.	- - -	249 00
Clearfield street, 83 feet, 3 Trusses, at \$3 per ft.	- - -	249 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$798 00	\$2,595 35

Amount brought forward,	\$798 00	\$2,595 35
Allegheny street, 86 feet, 3 Trusses,		
at \$3 per ft. - - -	258 00	
10 months' interest, - - -	52 80	
	—	1,108 80
Cumberland street, 103 feet, 3		
Trusses, at \$3 per ft. - -	309 00	
Huntingdon street, 103 feet, 3		
Trusses, at \$3 per ft. - -	309 00	
Lehigh avenue, 103 feet, 3 Trusses,		
at \$3 per ft. - - -	309 00	
6 months' interest, - - -	27 81	
	—————	954 81
		—————
		\$4,658 96

APPENDIX No. 69.

The Special Committee on the Parrish street Culvert, to whom the report of the Department of Surveys, in reference to said culvert, was referred, beg leave to report the ordinance annexed, and ask its adoption.

THOS. W. STEELLING, *chairman*,
J. TAYLOR,
GEO. A. BINDER.

AN ORDINANCE

Entitled An Ordinance for the construction of a culvert in Brown and Seventh streets, to prevent the overflows of water on the line of the Parrish street culvert.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall, under the supervision and approval of the Committee on Highways, proceed forthwith to advertise for proposals for the construction of an eight feet culvert, to connect at Seventh street with the Parrish street culvert, thence to run down Seventh street to Brown street, and down Brown street to the Cohocksink creek at the high bridge, said culvert to be built according to certain plans and specifications to be prepared by the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 70.

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council that they have passed the annexed resolution relative to the securities of the newly appointed Supervisors and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, October 11th, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the securities of the Supervisors lately appointed, beg leave to offer the annexed resolution.

THOS. CRAVEN, <i>ch'n</i> ,	CHAS. B. PENROSE,
O. P. CORNMAN,	WM. B. R. SELBY,
J. F. KNORR,	W. C. PATTERSON.
JAS. C. HAND,	

Resolved, That George H. Chambers be accepted as security for Robert Rodgers; Adam S. Young and William Allen as securities for George Philips; Jacob Wilkins and Peter Lamb, Jr. as securities for Joseph Brown; Daniel B. Beitler and Curtis Clayton, Jr. as securities for Richard M. Batturs; William Bowers and George Mecke as securities for John Mecke; Charles B. Smith as security for Anthony Conrad; Jacob F. Beckly and Benjamin E. Hooven as securities for John Sailor; Alexander M. Fox and William R. Bald as securities for James Work; William Faunce, Sr. and Ahab Hunter as securities for Isaac B. Dare; Solomon Wagner and Jeremiah E. Eldridge as securities for Israel N. Bell; John Campman and William Scargle as securities for Joseph Rheiner; James Preston and Edward Preston as securities for Edward Strouse; William Benner and Hillary Krickbaum as securities for John Wunder; John Stallman and Curtis J. Gilbert as securities for Reuben Sands; Samuel Wilson and Daniel Faunce as securities for William P. Cooper; George Williams and William A. Banes as securities for John Jackson, and that the Solicitor be requested to draw the requisite bonds.

APPENDIX No. 71.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, relative to the Marshal drawing warrants in favor of E. R. Williams and S. L. Clements, acting Police Magistrates, report the same back as correct, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,

O. P. CORNMAN,

J. F. KNORR,

JAMES C. HAND,

CHAS. B. PENROSE,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

W. C. PATTERSON.

Oct. 11, 1855.

Resolved, That the Marshal of Police be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Edward R. Williams, acting Police Magistrate of the Twenty-second Ward, from April 10th to September 30th, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-six dollars and eleven cents; also one in favor of Samuel L. Clements, acting as Police Magistrate of the Sixth Ward, from April 9th to May 31st, for the sum of seventy-one dollars and fifty cents, said amounts to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Police Department for Police Magistrates, approved 29th day of January, A. D. 1855.

APPENDIX. No. 72.

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council, that they have passed the annexed resolution to release certain property of Abel Lukens from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned, and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, Oct. 11th, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, beg leave to submit the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,
J. F. KNORR,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JAS. C. HAND,

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
W. C. PATTERSON.

Committee Room, Oct. 11th, 1855.

RESOLUTION

To release certain property of Abel Lukens from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered on the 26th day of June, 1855, in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern District, to March Term, 1855, No. 67, wherein the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff and F. Knox Morton, Charles R. Danenhower and Abel Lukens are defendants, the following described property owned by Abel Lukens, one of the said defendants, namely: A certain lot of ground situate on the North-west corner of Frankford road and Huntingdon street in the City of Philadelphia, containing in front on said Frankford road one hundred and six feet and three-fourths of an inch, and in depth along said Huntingdon street two hundred and twenty-five feet ten and seven-eighths inches; thence at right angles to Frankford road ninety-six feet two and one-half inches, provided the other defendants in said judgment consent thereto.

APPENDIX No. 73.

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council, that they have received a report from the Committee on Finance, with a resolution annexed—Committee, Messrs. Penrose, Patterson and King—which they have passed, and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, Oct. 11, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the annexed resolution, relative to the Department of City Commissioners, and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,
O. P. CORNMAN,
J. F. KNORR,
JAS. C. HAND,

CHAS. B. PENROSE,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
W. C. PATTERSON.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three from each Chamber be appointed to inquire whether any moneys appropriated to the City Commissioners, by ordinance approved March 1st, 1855, have been applied to any other than the specific objects of appropriation, and if so, by what authority, and what legislation is required to prevent a recurrence of similar abuses hereafter.

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AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty-seven thousand and six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of City Commissioners, to defray the expenses of the public service, in the particulars herein mentioned, for the year eighteen hundred fifty-five, that is to say :

For the expenses of the Civil Courts, nine thousand dollars.

For the expenses of the Criminal Courts, ten thousand dollars.

For the pay of Road Jurors, five hundred dollars.

For salaries of officers of the Department, four thousand one hundred dollars.

For Court Houses and County Offices, five hundred dollars.

For the expenses of Elections, three thousand dollars.

For incidentals, five hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 74.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report an ordinance to open Franklin street in the First Ward, in accordance with notice given by resolution, approved June 21, 1855.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, <i>ch'n</i> ,	W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,	B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELBY,	JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,	THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

October 11th, 1855.

 AN ORDINANCE

To open Franklin street from Front to Jefferson avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh street, in the First Ward.

WHEREAS, By authority of a resolution of Councils, approved June 21, 1855, entitled "A Resolution to give notice of the intended opening of certain parts of Vienna street, Twentieth street and Franklin streets," notice was duly given on the 2d day of July, 1855, to the owners of the ground through and over which Franklin street from Front street to Jefferson avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh street, in the First Ward, as laid out on the plan of the late District of Southwark, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said street, within the said limits, to be opened for public use, and the said time of three months having expired, therefore,

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That Franklin street from Front street to Jefferson avenue, and from Sixth to Seventh street, as the same is laid out on the plan of the late District of Southwark, be and the same is hereby declared to be opened for public use, as a street or highway.

SECT. 2. The Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said street to be removed.

APPENDIX No. 75.

MESSAGE FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

Common Council inform Select Council, that they have received a report from the Committee on Highways, with an Ordinance annexed, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert," which they have passed, and ask concurrence.

Common Council Chamber, Oct. 11th, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the annexed petitions for culverts in Pearl and Linn streets, report herewith an Ordinance to authorize said culverts to be constructed at the expense of the owners of property, and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,

W. H. STOKES,
B. R. MILLER,
D. C. ENOS,
T. J. ROBERTS.

October 11th, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of certain culverts.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property on Linn street, between 22d and 24th streets, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert, to commence at and intersect the culvert at 24th and Linn streets, and to extend along Linn street eastward to 22d street; and the owners of property on Pearl street between 15th and 16th streets are hereby authorized to construct a culvert to commence at and intersect the culvert at 16th and Pearl streets, and to extend along said Pearl street to 15th street: the said culverts to be of such form and dimensions as the Board of Commissioners of Highways and the Board of Surveyors may prescribe, and to be

constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City: *Provided*, the said culverts are respectively commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into covenants to build the same at their own expense, and upon their completion to restore the pavement of said streets to their present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culverts when completed shall become the property of the Corporation without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to any person to make any drain therein, except persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert: provided a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Highways.

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PHILADELPHIA, June 15, 1855.

To the President and Members of the Select Council:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders in Pearl street, between 15th and 16th streets, in the Fifteenth Ward of the city of Philadelphia, very respectfully request your honorable body to have constructed a culvert along Pearl street to empty into one already constructed in 16th street, for the purpose of draining the cellars in the vicinity of the above named Pearl street. And we will ever pray.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

JOHN McCANDLESS,	JOHN ABBOTT,
CATHARINE MOINEER,	SAMUEL HEMPLE,
JACOB TEANY,	MICHAEL COYLE,
SARAH WISE,	JOHN ROBERTS,
CONSTANTINE CLIFFORD,	J. L. FENIMORE,
LOUIS SCZINEKI,	GEORGE MILEY,
M. A. GEBHARD,	O. H. JENVIER.

The petitioners for the above would ask permission to get the culvert done themselves. Pearl street at the present time wants paving from 15th to 16th streets. It is now a good time to have the work done. Yours,

JOHN D. FOX, Agent for Mr. Wise and others,
319 Callowhill st.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24th, 1855.

*To the Honorable the Members of Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders on Linn street, west of 22d street, in the Fifteenth Ward, most respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us the privilege of constructing a culvert in the above named street, under the supervision of the Supervisor of the ward.

Yours, &c.,

JOS. S. RITCHIE,
HUGH MAXWELL,

WM. HILLARY,
ANDREW YOUNG.

APPENDIX No. 76.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the ordinance to regulate the navigation and use of the Gunner's Run canal, report the same back, with a recommendation that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,
W. H. STOKES,
D. C. ENOS,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,

O. P. CORNMAN,
B. R. MILLER,
WM. B. R. SELBY.

AN ORDINANCE

To regulate the navigation and use of the Gunner's Run canal.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to float or tow into the Gunner's Run canal, any raft or collection of lumber of any kind of a greater width than twenty-four feet or of a greater length than one hundred and sixty feet; and that no person or persons shall be permitted to have any raft or collection of timber of a greater width and length than

aforesaid, moored to any wharf along said canal for a greater length of time than seventy-two hours.

SECT. 2. That no person or persons shall be permitted to moor or make fast any raft, float, boat or vessel, to any bridge crossing said canal.

SECT. 3. That any person or persons offending against any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined for the first offence the sum of ten dollars, and for the second and subsequent offences the sum of twenty dollars: *Provided*, that the said penalties shall be collected as sums of like amount are collected by law.

APPENDIX No. 77.

AN ORDINANCE

To declare the south-west front of Penn Square a market stand.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, the north side of Olive street, between Broad and Oak streets, and the east side of Oak street, between Olive and Market streets, shall be and they are hereby appropriated as market stands.

APPENDIX No. 78.

PHILADELPHIA, September 27th, 1855.

To the President and Members of the Select and Common Councils, City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee of Visitation to the Girard College for orphans, for the month of September, respectfully report: That they made one visit to the college during the month, and were extremely gratified with its management, in every department. The discipline adopted in the institution is well adapted to the mental and moral training of the orphans, and also to their physical development and the promotion of their health. Too much praise cannot be awarded

to Professor Allen, the able President of the college, and Henry W. Arey, Secretary, for the kindness and attention evinced by them toward the children under their charge, their whole time being devoted, almost without intermission, to their duties. The committee were gratified with the progress made by the boys in their studies; the readings were generally correct, and their proficiency in composition, mathematics and natural philosophy, very creditable. Some of their drawings are extremely beautiful, and give assurance of great talent for the art. Very little restraint is imposed upon the boys, when not engaged in their studies. They are allowed ample time each day for recreation, on large play grounds appropriated for that purpose, where they enjoy themselves in the open air. They appear like one family, contented and happy, and are at this time enjoying excellent health, not one of them being sick. All the departments are kept perfectly clean; the clothing of the boys is changed often, requiring the washing of five thousand pieces weekly, which is done in the most economical and expeditious manner that could be adopted.

The number of orphans in the college at present is three hundred and six, who are educated and maintained at a cost of about two hundred and thirty dollars for each boy, including the necessary repairs and additions that have been made during the year. Eighteen of the boys are about to be bound out, their time having expired and their education completed.

The committee have understood that the Directors are now considering the propriety of increasing the number of boys to be admitted, by either erecting new buildings, which would accommodate two hundred boys, or with the present accommodations, which, by crowding them into the dormitories, already full with the others, would admit thirty or forty more. The committee are of the opinion that the most proper and economical course to pursue would be to erect new buildings, by means of which the younger boys could be separated from the older ones, and the number increased from thirty or forty to two hundred; and the whole number would be better accommodated than those in the college at present would be, if thirty or forty more were admitted, with, also, the risk of endangering their health.

The revenue of the college exceeds the outlay about thirty thousand dollars, which would be increased considerably by the lease of the Girard lands now in contemplation. By the

erection of new buildings, the usefulness of the institution could be greatly extended, without interfering with the maintenance and education of the orphans. The surplus of revenue over the expenditures (some of which have been for extraordinary purposes, which are not likely to occur again,) will be sufficient, before the buildings could, under any circumstances be completed, to pay for the erection, without taking into consideration the revenue that may be derived from the lease of the Girard lands, which, if accomplished, will, it is anticipated, yield a sufficient sum for the education and maintenance of three times the present number of orphans. The committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the Committee on Girard Estates and the Directors of the College, to give the erection of new buildings their immediate consideration, so that the advantages of the institution may be extended to a greater number of houseless orphans.

The committee, in conclusion, return their thanks to Professor Allen, Henry W. Arey and their assistants, for the many kind attentions shown to them on their visit to the College.

GEO. A. BINDER, *ch'n*,
NATHAN HILLES,
W. H. STOKES,
A. D. CALDWELL,

HIRAM MILLER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
THOS. DAVIS.

APPENDIX No. 79.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an ordinance, approved July 3d, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the appointment of the Standing Committees of Councils."

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That for the purpose of supervising more effectually the system of assessments and taxation, there shall be appointed, by the president of each chamber, on the passage hereof, and annually on the organization of Councils, a Joint Standing Committee, to consist of six members of each chamber, to be styled "The Committee on Tax and Assessments," the chairman of which shall be a member of Select Council.

APPENDIX No. 80.

PHILADELPHIA, 10th mo. 11th, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The undersigned respectfully represents, that in consequence of some anonymous publications having appeared in the Ledger and Pennsylvanian of the 4th inst., containing gross misrepresentations in relation to Thirty-fifth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, one of which is headed "Another attempt at the City Treasury," designed, no doubt, together with the enormous amount of damages named, not only to deceive, but also to serve as an entering wedge to an insertion in the paper without charge. It has been suggested to me, that it is due to Councils and the public, that a true statement of the facts relating to the case should be laid before them, and I being engaged in making the general survey of the late District of West Philadelphia, have had a better opportunity than any other person of knowing what the facts are, and that, therefore, I ought to do it; and as I have not and intend not to shrink from any duty devolving upon me in relation to that survey, though it has been a very troublesome, perplexing and losing concern to me, I will endeavor, as briefly as my capacity and the circumstances of the case will admit of, to do it.

In making this survey, I found what was called Sixth street, in Mantua village, now Thirty-fifth street, an open public highway, 50 feet wide, from Lancaster avenue, on a course nearly due north 1,980 feet, to the Haverford road; and from thence on the same course, 60 feet wide, 1,710 feet, to the Old River road; making the whole distance now, and for a long time past, open to public use, 3,700 feet, equal to eight ordinary squares. That it had been laid out many years ago by court and jury, from the Lancaster road through the lands of Powel, Bingham, Britton and Judge Peters, 50 feet wide, (that being the extreme width the road law would admit,) 3,700 feet to the said Old River road; but Judge Peters, afterwards, in laying out Mantua village, opened it out and appropriated to public use for 1,710 feet of that distance through his ground, 60 feet in width; though he laid out

none of his other streets in that village more than 50 feet wide, showing thereby that *he* did not consider it "a short and insignificant street," as it is represented in the publications hereinbefore alluded to; neither did I, even if it could be carried no further, much less when I saw that it passed under the Pennsylvania railroad, and was the only street that could be passed either under or over said road by a bridge, from Thirty-second to Thirty-seventh street; and seeing, moreover, it must necessarily be continued the same course, conforming with the rectangular and parallelism of all other streets in that part of said district; 2,390 feet further, to Girard avenue, which it intersects at right angles about 200 feet west of the west end of Girard avenue bridge. The whole distance from Lancaster to Girard avenue, being not merely "*two or three squares*," as stated in one of said publications, but 6,090 feet, equal to fourteen ordinary squares or over one mile and one-eighth, being about the same distance as that on High street, from the Delaware river to Broad street. And that even this cannot properly be considered, by a long distance, the whole extent of this street, as it becomes the River street for five squares before it reaches Girard avenue, and is laid out for that distance eighty feet in width to said avenue, where it varies to the westward, conforming with the general course of the river about 90 feet further, to the northern boundary of said district, and must necessarily, as the general survey of the City progresses, be continued up the river as far as the Montgomery County line. But it is said in one of those publications, that making this street 60 feet wide, is "*Another attempt at the City Treasury.*" "*A scheme*" got up "*by certain parties*" who "*do not scruple to acknowledge that the widening this street will benefit the property along it very much*," and that this would be all well enough if it was not contemplated to make the City pay some twenty or thirty thousand dollars. But let us examine into this matter and try to ascertain what the facts relating to it are. Upon what is such an enormous amount of damages to be assessed, if "*the property along the street is to be benefited by the widening very much*; now as it is manifest that this question cannot be satisfactorily answered, what other conclusion can be drawn from those publications, than that it would "*be well*" to widen it, bearing in mind, at the same time, that that which is well to be done, would be well to be well done

quickly. But to the facts relating to the subjects of damages, what are they? From Lancaster avenue to Bridge street, a distance of 1,562 feet, no building will be touched by the widening, but a small corner of S. Hutchinson's office at Lancaster avenue, which would be very little inconvenience I apprehend, to the public, as regards the travel in this street, if it should stand there for fifty years.

There is, however, one man who owns a property on this part of the street, whose house stands upwards of forty feet back from the line of the street, and is surrounded by a superabundance of forest trees, three or four of which, at most, would have to be moved when the street came to be widened, if they should happen to stand so long. This man has been very pressing in his suit, both with me and others, to have this street laid down only 50 feet in width, on account of these trees, which I could not consent to, believing as I did and do, that it will, in all human probability, become a great thoroughfare; and that, therefore, my duty to the public required that I should not lay it down less than 60 feet in width. And, moreover, it appears to me that if, for such a trifling cause, such a street as this should be thus limited in its width, it would be perfect folly to attempt to carry out what clearly appears to be the public sentiment and public requirements, with regard to the width of our streets in general. What an unenviable situation would my yielding to this man's request have placed me in. How could I have looked other property owners in the face, through whose ground I have widened some streets from 50 to 60 feet and others to 80, and in other places laid out streets of these widths? Eli K. Price, for instance, who has long reckoned me among his friends, and through whose grounds I have continued an eighty feet avenue, which, when it comes to be opened, will sweep away from 40 to 50 fine forest trees. How should I be able to hold up my head to him? and what would be my confusion, if he should remind me of what I could not deny, to wit, that this same individual, towards whom I have thus manifested so much favoritism on Thirty-fifth street, was the first man to propose laying out this 80 feet street through his (the said Price's) ground.

On the West side of Thirty-fifth street, between Bridge street and the Haverford road, there are nine houses, six of which are new brick houses, and front on the sixty feet line;

two stand several feet back from it, and the other one is a small stone with rough brick front, 18 by 14 feet, and stands about 4 feet over the 60 feet line on the street. On the east side there are four houses, which stand, with respect to the 60 feet line, as follows, to wit: One good brick house stands five feet on the street; two small stone houses similarly situated, and the other one a store, stands about 3 feet 8 inches on the street. But, inasmuch as the footways on a 60 feet street are 13 feet, and none of the houses stand more than five feet on the street, which will still leave the footways in front of them eight feet wide, I think there will be little occasion for disturbing till the time comes for them to give way for better improvements.

From the Haverford road north it is already opened sixty feet wide.

This may seem a lengthy communication, but the daily complaint we hear of the contracted width of our streets, together with the important bearing the settlement of this question must necessarily have in determining the width of many other streets now being and yet to be laid out in this City, will, I trust, be with you a sufficient apology.

JOSEPH FOX, *Surveyor*.

APPENDIX No. 81.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, {
No. 36 North Seventh street. }

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, October 15, 1855.

WHEREAS, there was paid into the City treasury, on the 12th day of June, 1855, \$2,511 20, being for four years' interest on certificate of loan of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, for \$10,463 69, of the legacy of Esther Waters; and whereas, on the same date was paid into the City treasury, \$275 05, less (\$13 70) State tax, being for interest due on \$2,200 58, five per cent. Pennsylvania State Loan of the legacy of Geo. Emlen; and whereas, on the 13th of June, same year, there was paid into the City treasury \$993 75 for interest on certificates of loan of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, of the legacy of Geo. Emlen, making the total amount \$3,766 30; and whereas the said interest moneys have been deposited in bank, by the late City Treasurer, to the credit of the Guardians of the Poor, and which said moneys are required by the will of the said Esther Waters, proved July 5, 1833, and the will of the said Geo. Emlen, proved January 23, 1776, to be expended in the purchase of fire wood or other fuel, to be distributed in the winter season by the Guardians of the Poor to poor widows, and among such of the poor of the City of Philadelphia and two suburbs as shall be found, on careful inquiry, to be deserving of aid; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Guardians apply to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, to make an appropriation of the sum of \$3,766 30, being the amount deposited in bank to the credit of the Guardians of the Poor, for the purpose of expending the same in the manner prescribed in the wills above recited.

S. SNYDER LEIDY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX No. 82.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, }
 No. 36 North Seventh street. }

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, October 15, 1855.

Resolved, That this Board apply to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia for an appropriation of \$41,000, for meeting the demands of the Guardians of the Poor to the end of the year 1855, as follows :

For supplies, - - - -	\$20,000
For incidental expenses, - - -	4,500
For medical department, - - -	4,500
For children's asylum, - - -	500
For manufactory, - - - -	1,000
For farm, - - - -	500
For Blockley estate, - - - -	2,500
For out-door account, - - - -	7,500

S. SNYDER LEIDY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX No. 83.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom the matter was referred, beg leave to report the accompanying bill as correct, to wit: "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys," and ask its adoption.

THOS. CRAVEN, *ch'n*,

JAMES C. HAND,

CHAS. B. PENROSE,

J. F. KNORR,

WM. B. R. SELBY,

O. P. CORNMAN,

JAMES DAVENPORT.

Committee Room, October 18th, 1855.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Surveys.

SECT. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirteen thousand four

hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Surveys, for the following purposes, that is to say :

To pay the salaries of the officers of the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators, established by Councils by Ordinance of November 9, 1854, until the 5th day of May, 1855, three thousand three hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents.

To pay for office rent of the same department, one hundred dollars.

To pay for blanks, books, printing and stationery for the same department, five hundred and eighty-three dollars.

To pay the salaries, for the year 1855, of the Surveyors and Regulators elected in May, 1855, three thousand and nine hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty cents.

To pay the salaries, for the year 1855, of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, elected in May, 1855, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ninety cents.

To pay the salaries of the officers in the department established by an Ordinance, approved October 25th, entitled "An Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the powers and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the District Surveyors and Regulators," one thousand five hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

To pay for office furniture, alterations in office, fitting up fire proofs and painting, seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-nine cents.

To pay for records, minute books, drawing paper and registers for the principal and district offices, two hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

To pay for office rent, five hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

To pay for incidentals, four hundred and forty dollars.

APPENDIX No. 84.

*Reported by THOMAS CRAVEN, Chairman of the Finance Committee,
Monday, October 22d, 1855.*

DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

*Appropriations and amount of Warrants Countersigned,
October 17th, 1855.*

1.	Appropriation	January 11th, 1855,	-	-	\$15,914 70
2.	"	" 24th, "	-	-	2,354 14
3.	"	" 30th, "	-	-	16,055 60
4.	"	March 1st, "	-	-	148,410 55
5.	"	" 10th, "	-	-	556 39

\$183,291 38

Countersigned on No. 1,	\$15,913 52
" " 2,	2,353 75
" " 3,	16,055 44
" " 4,	148,403 29
" " 5,	556 39
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	\$183,282 39

Balance, - - - - - \$8 99

Appropriation January 11th, 1855, \$15,914 70.

Warrants countersigned:—

Tax duplicates,	- - - - -	\$9,384 10
Tavern returns, (constables' bills,)	- - - - -	74 74
Witness fees Quarter Sessions,	- - - - -	112 51
Road jurors,	- - - - -	187 00
Carriage hire for commissioners,	- - - - -	150 00
Binding and stationery, (T. W. Price's bills,)	- - - - -	1,708 75
Daily News, printing,	- - - - -	100 00
Blank books and stationery, (J. B. Smith,)	- - - - -	1,473 63
F. G. Frazer, upholstering bills,	- - - - -	1,000 00
North American advertising,	- - - - -	963 50
Jno. Coates, printing,	- - - - -	73 50
Crissey & Markley, blanks,	- - - - -	20 00

Amount carried forward, - - - - - \$15,247 73

Amount brought forward,	-	-	-	-	\$15,247 73
Wm. Thomas, overpaid taxes,	-	-	-	-	173 52
H. Wharton, " "	-	-	-	-	52 50
Evening Bulletin, printing,	-	-	-	-	194 00
Juror's, District Court,	-	-	-	-	28 00
Cleaning court rooms,	-	-	-	-	101 22
Election officers,	-	-	-	-	116 55
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					\$15,913 52
Balance,	-	-	-	-	1 18
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					\$15,914 70

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Appropriation January 24th, 1855, \$2,354 14.

Warrants countersigned :—					
George Shaffer, digging wells at county buildings,					\$739 75
Election expenses, extra pay of judges and in-					
spectors,	-	-	-	-	1,614 00
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					2,353 75
Balance,	-	-	-	-	39
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					\$2,354 14

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Appropriation March 10th, 1855, \$556 39.

Warrant countersigned :—					
Jacob W. Colladay, carpenter work done at Inde-					
pendence Hall,	-	-	-	-	\$556 39

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Appropriation January 30th, 1855, \$16,055 60.

Warrants countersigned :—					
Jurors, Quarter Sessions,	-	-	-	-	\$781 24
Officers, " "	-	-	-	-	745 20
Interpreter, " "	-	-	-	-	68 00
Jurors, Common Pleas,	-	-	-	-	524 29
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Amount carried forward,	-	-	-	-	\$2,118 73

Amount brought forward, - - - - -	\$2,118 73
Officers, Common Pleas, - - - - -	248 40
Jurors, Supreme Court, - - - - -	588 50
Officers, " " - - - - -	374 94
Jurors, District " - - - - -	1,342 41
Officers, " " - - - - -	324 00
State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg, G. W. Wardell	
for Board of Patients, - - - - -	544 37
Printing sundry bills, - - - - -	716 50
W. C. Patterson, member County Board, - - -	69 00
T. O. Goldsmith, late Coroner, - - - - -	1,000 00
Jos. Delavau, present Coroner, December fees, -	467 97
F. Glading, stoves and fixtures, - - - - -	105 00
E. S. Steever, plumber's work, - - - - -	206 35
S. M. Fox, bricks, - - - - -	230 00
T. W. Price, stationery and books, - - - - -	623 50
Publishing Sheriff's proclamation, - - - - -	1,111 32
Election expenses, - - - - -	5,760 88
W. H. Kern, ice, - - - - -	148 57
J. Bock, work on Broad street improvement, -	75 00
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	16,055 44
Balance, - - - - -	16
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	\$16,055 60

Appropriation March 1st, 1855, \$148,410 55.

Warrants countersigned :—

Criminal Court,	
Grand and Petit Jurors, - - -	\$7,787 26
Board of Jurors, - - -	150 50
Interpreter, - - -	174 00
Omnibus hire for Grand Jurors,	330 00
Witness fees, - - -	133 56
Tavern returns, (constables' bills,) -	85 08
Water rent and Gas bill, - -	70 87
Cleaning court and grand jury rooms,	229 00
District Attorney's fees, - -	4,652 50

Amount carried forward, - \$13,612 77

Amount brought forward, -	\$13,612 77	
Clerk's fees, - - -	4,358 00	
Officers of Court, salaries, - -	4,933 40	
Paper hanging, room Fifth and Chestnut, N. E. corner, -	104 25	
Painting, do. do.	418 15	
Upholstering, do. do.	1,034 31	
F. Brown, rent, do. do.	375 00	
Upholstering court room, -	685 00	
Marble work, steps, - - -	54 75	
Oil cloth and hemp carpet, -	94 00	
Painting and glazing court house,	317 90	
Painting and varnishing inside,	215 00	
J. W. Colladay, carpenter work,	1,280 42	
Lewis Bitting, do. do.	549 72	
T. W. Price, blanks and stationery,	1,390 73	
	<hr/>	\$29,392 40
Civil Courts—District :—		
Jurors, - - - - -	\$5,765 87	
Officers, - - - - -	2,494 50	
Blank books, - - - - -	123 00	
Indexing records, - - -	262 30	
W. Clinton, carpenter work, -	355 00	
	<hr/>	9,000 67
Common Pleas :—		
Jurors, - - - - -	\$4,259 00	
Officers, - - - - -	1,914 55	
Books and stationery, - - -	235 41	
	<hr/>	6,408 96
Supreme Court :—		
Jurors, - - - - -	\$4,744 41	
Officers, - - - - -	694 30	
Blanks, stationery, &c., Price's bill,	426 50	
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Assessments :—		
Assessors' salaries, - - -	\$17,200 00	
Printing assessors' lists, -	6,705 89	
Printing assessors' appeals, -	100 00	
Posting " lists, -	200 00	
Assessment books, Price's bill, -	599 75	
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Amount carried forward, -	\$24,805 64	\$50,667 24

Amount brought forward, -	\$24,805 64	\$50,667 24
Assessment books, J. B. Smith's bill, 1,122 50		
Indexing assessments, -	1,673 99	
	<hr/>	27,602 13
City Commissioners' salaries, - - - -	-	6,561 43
Clerks, Messenger, Superintendent, Watchmen of		
Co. buildings, Watchmen of wire bridge, sala-		
ries, - - - -	-	5,115 12
Stationery, blanks, books, binding and printing,		4,568 37
Wood and coal, - - - -	-	413 79
Cleaning office and wells, - - - -	-	480 62
Brushes, brooms, hose, stoneware, ice, &c., -	-	354 70
Agricultural Society, (annual,) - - -	-	600 00
C. Mason, Superintendent Girard avenue bridge,		540 00
Seal press, (Wagner & Steward,) - - -	-	112 00
Road jurors, - - - -	-	336 00
Killing wolf in the First Ward, - - -	-	12 00
Coroner's fees, - - - -	-	4,651 05
Election expenses, publishing Sheriff's Procla-		
mation, special Municipal and General Elec-		
tions, viz:—		
North American, - - - -	\$831 50	
Pennsylvanian, - - - -	562 75	
Pennsylvania Inquirer, - - - -	503 50	
Evening Bulletin, - - - -	481 00	
Daily Sun, - - - -	370 00	
Evening Argus, - - - -	358 00	
Sunday Mercury, - - - -	318 00	
Legal Intelligencer, - - - -	295 00	
Sunday Dispatch, - - - -	290 56	
Commercial List, - - - -	182 00	
City Item, - - - -	174 00	
Bicknell's Reporter, - - - -	145 50	
Daily Reporter, - - - -	144 00	
Weekly Commercial, - - - -	144 00	
J. D. Steel, - - - -	144 00	
Andrew Scott, (posters,) - - -	2,160 50	
	<hr/>	7,104 31
Printing blanks, (Town's bill,) - - -	-	823 50
Transcripts, - - - -	-	3,235 18
	<hr/>	
Amount carried forward, - - -	-	\$113,177 44

Amount brought forward,	-	-	-	\$113,177	44
Judges, inspectors and clerks,	-	-	-	6,169	72
Fitting up precinct houses,	-	-	-	277	30
Collecting and distributing ballot-boxes,	-	-	-	391	00
Stationery, (T. W. Price's bill,)	-	-	-	154	75
do (J. B. Smith's bill,)-	-	-	-	1,486	40
Publishing Assessors' lists,	-	-	-	376	88
Alterations, repairs and fitting up County build- ings, J. W. Colladay, carpenter-work and materials,	-	-	-	\$18,100	61
R. F. Morrell, repairs,	-	-	-	202	54
S. Ogden, iron work,	-	-	-	325	72
S. Ogden, plumbing,	-	-	-	377	00
S. Simons, paving footways,	-	-	-	500	00
W. A. Leonard, painting,	-	-	-	170	00
L. Braddock, do	-	-	-	239	19
J. H. Hurtt, blinds,	-	-	-	608	00
Frazier:—					
Upholstering room for Sup. Court,				1,800	00
Do. do. District				576	75
Do. do. Common Pleas,				319	50
Do. do. Quart. Sessions,				1,034	31
Do. office Recorder Deeds,				77	00
				<hr/>	24,330 62
Tax duplicates,	-	-	-	419	57
Transcribing jury tickets,	-	-	-	415	00
J. L. Husband Suit vs. City,	-	-	-	218	39
F. G. Frazer, balance on bill, October 1, 1854,				986	22
				<hr/>	\$148,403 29
Balance,	-	-	-	7	26
				<hr/>	\$148,410 55

APPENDIX NO. 85.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, in answer to the resolution passed by Councils, October 11th, respectfully report : That the cleansing of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards is being done under a contract made by the

Corporation of the late City, on the 20th of March, 1853, with Henry Bickley, to cleanse the City for three years from that date, at \$27,000 a year. A copy of the contract is herewith submitted.

JAMES M. GIBSON, *ch'n*,
JNO. A. HOUSEMAN,
D. C. ENOS,
GEO. A. BINDER,
A. F. HOPPEL,

THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
W. H. STOKES,
P. A. KEYSER,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Oct. 18, 1855.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, *made and entered into this twentieth day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, between Henry Bickley of the first part, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, of the second part, and William Kirk and Matthew Arrison of the third part.*

The said party of the first part, for himself, his executors and administrators, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter made by the party of the second part, doth covenant and agree to and with the second party and their successors, that as contractor for cleansing the City of Philadelphia, he will well and faithfully do, perform and fulfil the following covenants, acts and duties required on his part to be done, performed and fulfilled.

First. He, the said party of the first part, will thoroughly cleanse the said City, the streets, alleys, courts, lanes, markets, gutters, crossings and inlets to the sewers thereof, and keep the same clean from the twentieth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to the twentieth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Second. As the means of effecting that object, he will once in each week cleanse all the paved streets, lanes, courts and alleys, provided the same are used for the passage of carts of the City, whether the same be public or private, by sweeping and scraping the same and the gutters thereof thoroughly in every part, and causing the matter collected therefrom to be removed, within one hour after the same shall have been collected, out of the City in the manner following, namely: on *Monday* of each week he will so cleanse all that part of the City lying between the east side of Delaware avenue, the west side of Front street, the south side of Cedar street and

the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Delaware Eighth, the east side of Delaware Ninth street, the south side of Cedar street and the north side of Vine street ; and between the centre of Broad street, the east side of Schuylkill Eighth street, the south side of Cedar street and the north side of Vine street ; that portion of the before described district lying between the east side of Delaware avenue, the west side of Front, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street, is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

On *Tuesday*, that part between the west side of Front street to a distance midway between Second and Third streets from the river Delaware, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Ninth, the east side of Tenth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Schuylkill Eighth, the east side of Schuylkill Seventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; that portion of the before described district lying between the west side of Front street to a distance midway between Delaware Second and Third streets, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street, is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

On *Wednesday*, that part midway between Delaware Second and Third, the east side of Fourth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street, and between the east side of Tenth, the east side of Eleventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Schuylkill Seventh, the east side of Schuylkill Sixth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; that portion of the before described district lying midway between Delaware Second and Third streets, the east side of Fourth street, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street, is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

On *Thursday*, that part between the east side of Delaware Fourth, midway between Delaware Fifth and Sixth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Eleventh, the east side of Twelfth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; and between the east side of Schuylkill Sixth, the east side of Schuylkill Fourth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street ; that portion of the before described district lying

between the east side of Delaware Fourth street, midway between Delaware Fifth and Sixth, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street, is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

On *Friday*, that part midway between Delaware Fifth and Sixth, the east side of Delaware Seventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; and between the east side of 12th street, the east side of Thirteenth street, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; and between the east side of Schuylkill Fourth street, the east side of Schuylkill Second, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; that portion of the before described district lying midway between Delaware Fifth and Sixth, the east side of Delaware Seventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

On *Saturday*, that part between the east side of Schuylkill Eighth street, the east side of Schuylkill Seventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; and the east side of Thirteenth street to the centre of Broad street, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; and the east side of Schuylkill Second street and the river Schuylkill, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street; and all the public market houses in High and Second streets; that portion of the above described district lying between the east side of Schuylkill Eighth street, the east side of Schuylkill Seventh, the south side of Cedar and the north side of Vine street is to be cleansed as aforesaid at night.

Third. During the months of May, June, July, August and September, he will, in addition to the force required and means taken for the usual purposes and duties of said cleansing, employ at least thirty-six men, who shall be constantly engaged in gangs of three men each, in washing and cleansing twelve districts, into which the City shall, from time to time, during the said months, be divided for that purpose by the Committee on Cleansing of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

Fourth. He will collect and remove daily all the offal of kitchens and yards, that may be placed by housekeepers in some convenient position for the purpose of removal, the said offal to be removed in water-tight carts; and he will collect and remove all coal ashes which may be placed by housekeepers on

the pavement for the purpose of removal, to be removed in covered carts, and no carts shall be used for such purpose until they have been approved by the said committee.

Fifth. He will twice in each week, and as much oftener as the said Committee on Cleansing may direct, cleanse thoroughly the several public market houses in the City, and during the months of May, June, July, August and September, wash the same at the time of such cleansing.

Sixth. Whenever it may become necessary, or whenever the said committee may direct, he will cleanse the inlets of the common sewers, and forthwith remove out of the City the matter taken therefrom, and lime said inlets.

Seventh. He will cause mud, snow and ice to be removed and kept from the crossings of the streets, for a space of at least six feet wide, and will keep the gutters free from snow and ice and open at all times, so that there shall be a free passage for water through and along the same.

Eighth. He will, at the request of the Mayor of the City, the City Commissioners, the Committee on Cleansing, or any member thereof, remove from the streets any offal or other substance that may at any time be or become a nuisance.

Ninth. He will report to the President of the Board of City Commissioners, whenever required by him, the number of men employed in said cleansing, and the district in which they are at work.

Tenth. He will, in part payment of the sum to be paid him, as hereinafter mentioned for the cleansing as aforesaid, for the year commencing the 20th of March, 1853, and ending the 20th of March, 1854, purchase, take and receive from the party of the second part, the stock and materials now used in cleansing the City, a list of which is hereto annexed, signed by the first party and the President of the Board of City Commissioners, at the price or sum of seven thousand dollars.

Eleventh. He will, and doth hereby consent and agree, that in case he shall and doth, in the opinion of the said committee, fail to fulfil and perform the said acts and duties hereinbefore set forth and required of him, with proper care and diligence, or shall and doth fraudulently, wilfully or negligently delay or refuse to comply in all respects with this contract, of which said failure, neglect, delay and refusal the said committee shall be, at all times and for all purposes, sole and final judge and arbiter, without dispute or appeal, that

the said party of the second part may and shall, at its option, adopt or pursue any and all the means and courses following for asserting their rights, and enforcing and procuring a compliance with this contract, namely :

First. The said party of the second part may and shall have the power to reserve and deduct from the payments to be made, from time to time, to the said party of the first part, the sum of twenty dollars a day for each day on which such failure, neglect, delay or refusal may take place, or during which it may continue, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, which said sums, so reserved and deducted, the party of the first part shall altogether lose.

Second. Or the said party of the second part may, in their option, after reasonable notice to that effect to the party of the first part, at the cost and expense of the said first party, use and employ such men and means as they may deem proper for the purpose of bringing about and procuring the diligent and faithful execution of the said acts, duties and performances required by this contract, and supplying the defects and omissions of the said first party in the premises.

Third. Or the said party of the second part may, in their option, after reasonable notice to that effect to the said party of the first part, forfeit and annul this contract, of which option, intention, forfeiting and annulling, the resolution of said committee to that effect shall be full and final evidence for all purposes whatever ; and from and after such resolution, without further notice or proceeding, this contract shall be and become utterly null and void, and the party of the second part shall and may take the subject matter of the same into their own hands, to dispose of as they may deem best by a new contract or otherwise, and be discharged from all obligation and liability by reason thereof, and of the premises, as if no such contract had ever been made ; but all rights and claims of the said party of the second part under and by virtue of said contract for and in respect of the time then passed, shall be and remain unimpaired notwithstanding such forfeiture, and annulling for all purposes of recovery or redress against said parties of the first or third part.

And the said party of the second part, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants and agreements aforesaid, of the party of the first part, doth covenant, promise and

agree to and with the party of the first part, his executors and administrators, as follows, namely :

First. That the said party of the second part will pay to the said party of the first part, in full payment and compensation, for the faithful performance of the said work and services for the year commencing on the 20th day of March, 1853, and terminating on the 20th day of March, 1854, the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars in manner following, namely: the sum of seven thousand dollars on the execution hereof, in the stock and materials, a list of which is hereto annexed, as before mentioned, and the sum of seven hundred and twelve dollars every two weeks during the year above mentioned, and the balance, or sum of fourteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars, upon the 20th of March, 1854.

And if the party of the second part shall determine that, for the years from March 20th, 1854, to March 20th, 1856, the streets before mentioned as being to be cleansed at night, shall be cleansed in the day time as the other streets are cleansed, and it is agreed and understood that the party of the second part shall be at liberty so to determine, then the said party of the second part will pay to the said first party the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the said work and services, for the year commencing March 20, 1854, and terminating March 20, 1855, and the like sum for the year commencing March 20, 1855, and terminating March 20, 1856, to be paid as follows, namely: the sum of nine hundred and four dollars every two weeks, and the balance, or sum of fourteen hundred and ninety-six dollars, on the termination of each of said years, to wit: the 20th of March, 1855, and the 20th of March, 1856. And if the said party shall determine that the said streets shall be cleansed at night, as heretofore mentioned, then they will pay to the said first party for each of the said years, the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars, to be paid as follows, namely: the sum of nine hundred and eighty dollars every two weeks, and the balance, or sum of fifteen hundred and twenty dollars, on the termination of each of said years, to wit: 20th of March, 1855, and 20th of March, 1856.

Second. The said party of the second part will permit and at all times allow the said party of the first part to have and retain for his own use and disposal, all offal, dirt and ashes

which the said first party may collect and remove under and by virtue of this contract.

And the said parties of the third part, in consideration of the premises, and the sum of one dollar to each of them in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby for themselves, jointly and severally, their and each of their executors and administrators, covenant, promise and agree to and with the party of the second part and their successors, that the said party of the first part shall and will diligently and faithfully do, perform and fulfil the covenants, promises and agreements by him, the said party of the first part, above made in all respects, and that they the said parties of the third part will at all times save, indemnify and save harmless, the said party of the second part, from all loss, damage and expense whatever, occasioned by or arising from any failure, neglect or default of the party of the first part in the premises.

In witness whereof, the parties of the first and third parts have hereunto set their hands and seals, and the corporate seal of the party of the second part has been hereto affixed by the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, the day and year first above written.

APPENDIX No. 86.

OFFICE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, }
No. 36 North Seventh street. }

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Guardians of the Poor, October 19, 1855.

WHEREAS, The present condition of the finances of the City are such, that this Board find it impossible to carry on the operations of the Almshouse, and while we have used all the means in our power to meet our accruing engagements, we now find that unless some immediate relief is obtained, the business of the Board, so far as the Almshouse is concerned, must cease; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board petition Councils to grant such relief as they must perceive the necessities of the house require, and in the event of Councils taking no action in the matter, this Board authorize the Steward, in connection with the

House Committee, to sell at the best possible rate such warrants as they may deem absolutely and indispensably necessary for the cash disbursements of the Steward, and report the same to the Board.

Resolved, That in order to obviate the suffering that must necessarily arise from delay, the Steward be authorized to sell immediately such warrants, as the imperative necessities of the case demand, and report to the Board the amounts sold and the discounts paid. S. SNYDER LEIDY, *Sec'ry*.

APPENDIX No. 87.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
APPOINTED SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1855.

To the President and Members of Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—On the sixth of September Mr. Gordon offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that a special committee of three members of this Council be appointed for the purpose of inquiring and devising ways and means for the immediate payment of all warrants issued to this date.

Under the above resolution, the undersigned, your committee, were appointed. At that time it was estimated, from information received from the several departments, that the then outstanding warrants amounted in all to about *two hundred thousand dollars*. It was confidently expected that arrangements could be effected for the immediate payment of this sum. Upon a further and more full investigation, however, it was discovered that instead of *two hundred thousand dollars*, the amount exceeded *four hundred thousand dollars*; and pressing rapidly on the heels of this sum, the prospective probability of its being doubled, which is now realized, in the fact, that at the present date the amount of outstanding warrants bearing six per cent. interest, exceeds *eight hundred thousand dollars*; and before the middle of January will not fall far short of a million and a quarter of dollars.

The committee, at first hopeful of being able to provide for

the then outstanding warrants—thus sustaining the credit of our City, as well as imparting pleasure to the desponding holders of City warrants—have been reluctantly compelled to abandon their effort, because of the facts above stated.

The present financial condition of our City is attracting a very considerable share of the attention of our citizens. If something be not quickly done to place the credit of the City where it of right ought to be, and where it would be but for the enormous debts of some of the old Districts, a substantial rebuke from a misgoverned people will result to those who, in refusing to provide for the current expenses, thus trifle with the darling interests of our great consolidated City.

Already has a million and a half of dollars been taken from the current revenue since consolidation, to pay the floating debts of the Districts. Since the present Councils came into power, in May last, appropriations have been made and warrants drawn in payment of debts contracted by the old Districts to the amount of nearly one hundred thousand dollars; and still there are other ordinances on file providing for the payment of claims against the old corporations. Thus, the present condition of the City finances is not the result of extravagance on the part of the government of the consolidated City; but *simply and alone*, as the facts abundantly demonstrate, by taking the cash revenue from the treasury of the consolidated City to pay the debts of the old Districts, to the amount of nearly a million and three quarters. If the sums thus paid were now in the treasury, together with the total revenue for 1855, there would not be a single City warrant unpaid; and instead of requiring to *borrow* a million dollars, there would be a *surplus* in the City treasury approximating a million.

The following suggestions, both as a *way* and a *means* to relieve the City, are respectfully submitted for the energetic action of all who, without regard to party affinities, desire the good of the people in the re-establishment of the City credit, by the administration of its affairs with prudence and judgment, to the end, that, by economy and an enlightened spirit of liberal and wise legislation, every claim against the City treasury may be met on demand; and finally, the enormous debt of eighteen million dollars now owing by the City be liquidated.

First. The immediate passage of a bill authorizing the borrowing of one million of dollars; for the claims against the

City must be paid; they may be delayed, but such delay is as unwise as it is unjust. The fact should also be distinctly known, that this million is not for the purpose of making up any deficiency caused by debts contracted, or by any extravagance on the part of the government since consolidation; but, on the contrary, to make up the deficiency caused *solely and only* by the payment of the debts of the old corporations.

The actual expenses incurred by the government since consolidation have been within the revenues every year; and do not now, nor ever since consolidation, exceed the incoming receipts, as charged by some.

As it requires a two-third vote of both Councils to effect this loan; and as the party now in power, who have manifested all along a willingness to vote for such a loan, and did so vote, have not a two-third vote, it is evident that before relief can come to the people, there must be a melting down of political asperities and violent antagonisms—there must be a coming up to that sublime standard of political unity for the public good, which, on more than one occasion, has rendered illustrious American legislation; and thrown into the arena of party strife a ray of fellowship which forever radiates the beauty and power of our system of our government.

Second. Immediate steps should be taken, so to reconstruct and arrange the present very defective mode of assessment, as to produce an increased revenue without raising the present rate of taxation, which is sufficiently high.

Third. A revision of the laws, both as to the mode of assessment and collection of personal taxes, including the taxation of all moneys at interest, both personal and corporate.

Fourth. A thorough and practical examination, with prudence and unbiased judgment, of all the departments of the City government, for the purpose of ascertaining where retrenchment can be effected without injury to the great interests of our growing City. And when such discovery is made, that the remedy be applied at once, without regard to preconceived party notions. Every member of Councils, no matter what his political party views are, is first and pre-eminently a representative, not of his party, but of the *whole people*. The interests of the whole City at this juncture imperatively demand that, laying aside for the present all mere party con-

siderations, we unite as one man to redeem the credit of our City and do justice to our constituency.

These suggestions are respectfully submitted for your serious consideration, and a united and energetic action on the part of Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. GORDON, *chairman*,

D. C. ENOS,

O. H. P. PARKER.

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